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July 8, 1984

Dear Fellow Pioneers,

At last I've caught up! It's a nice feeling to know that I'm back on schedule with your Journals. I appreciate your patience and concern.

If you know of anyone who has not received all of their issues by 15 August, please let Betty or I know. This issue will be going to Lolita at the early part of next week and should be ready for mailing by the end of the month. Since we mail at a special book rate, it takes the post office as much as 3 weeks to get them to you after mailing. In addition, we've been having some problems with the books becoming torn in the postal system. With the new cover for this issue, we hope we have eliminated some of our problems.

You'll notice that the print in this issue is back to the "Old" style. No small print! You expressed your opinion and I took notice. Thanks!

One of our members recently wrote that she wished that the Journal came out every week. As much as I'd like to do that, there is no way! I appreciate her delight with the publication.

We're still having a problem getting the issues indexed. Some issues are done and some are not. If you can help, please contact me for the assignment of an issue. We'd really like to have all of issues indexed and printed in time for distribution at the gathering on September 28.

The plans for this year's gathering sound exciting. Hope to see you all there.

Till next time -


Joy

P.S. If you've written to me in the past six months and I haven't answered your letter, don't despair. Maybe with the Journals on time, I can get around to my correspondence.

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MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

All of the old members have renewed their membership for the 1984 fiscal year for HCPD, with the exception of four or five. Most of these were the results of the death of a member.

All new memberships which are received after July 1 will be considered as members for 1985 unless the person specifies otherwise. Dues for the 1985 year are now payable, but will not be considered past due until October 1.

Dues for 1985 will remain at \$12.00 per single membership and \$17 for a joint membership with a single publication.

BACK ISSUES

Back issues for Volume I of the Hacker's Creek Journal are completely sold out. The cost of reprinting is too high and they will not be reprinted. Sorry!

GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

The title of this article should be our creed as each of us prepare articles for publication.

Research is something that each of us takes pride in doing and sometimes we spend lots of money in tracing down an elusive ancestor. Usually we're willing to share what we find, and we don't mind share as long as those with whom we share give us credit when they use material in some publication or the other.

RADCLIFF/RATCLIFF ARTICLE

A couple of issues ago, we promised an article on the Radcliff/Ratcliff family. I have a lot of information but feel that I still need more to make the article sufficiently accurate for this publication.

AN APOLOGY

Some of you who have ordered back issues have received them with all sorts of covers. We ran out of covers before we ran out of issues. I felt that you would rather have the issue with a makeshift cover rather than no issue at all.

MORRISON CEMETERY

Morrison Cemetery has again been cleaned. Bob Smith and Maurice Allman hired the young gentleman who did the work last year to do it again this summer. Part of the funds for the job were donated by the Berlin Homemakers.

Bob and Maurice hope to have the cemetery in good shape by gathering time. It will be necessary for two more mowings to be done. This will cost about \$150. If you have ancestors buried at Morrison, or just want to help, donations toward the expense would be greatly appreciated. Just send them to: Betty Graybill, 2418 Broad Ave., Canton, Oh 44708. Please tell her that it is for the Morrison Cemetery Fund.

MORRISON CEMETERY BOOK

Bob Smith and Joy Gilchrist have been gathering information for a book about Morrison Cemetery. Profits from the book will go toward the maintenance of the cemetery.

If you have any information about any of those who are buried in the cemetery, please send it to Joy.

THIRD ANNUAL HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS GATHERING

All of you have received a registration form for the Third Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering at Jackson's Mill Sept. 28-30. If you have not sent your reservations in to Betty, please do so immediately. The tentative schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1984

- Noon - Registration and assignment of lodging and meal tickets - West Virginia Building
- 5:30pm - Evening Meal - Dining Hall
After supper, weather permitting, Dan Tabler will give us a walking-tour of Historical Jackson's Mill, including a visit to the Museum and McWhorter log cabin. If the weather and light do not permit the tour, and when we return from the tour, there will be family group discussions and viewing and swapping of family historical material in the West Virginia Building.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1984

- 7:30am - Breakfast - Dining Hall
- 8:30am - Formal opening of the gathering; explanation of weekend program; introduction of members and guests; appointment of nominating committee for the 1985 officers; late registrations and group meetings. West Virginia Building.
- 12:15pm - Lunch - Dining Hall
- 1:00pm - Tour of the Hacker's Creek Historical Sites and points of interests pertaining to our ancestors. It has been suggested that this be a bus tour; this will be dependant upon the costs involved.

For those who do not wish to take the tour, the West Virginia building will be available for meeting and discussion.
- 5:30pm - Supper in the dining hall.
- 7:00pm - Main program in the West Virginia Building. We hope that the guest speaker will be Bill Adler, a local historian and writer of "Yesteryears" for the "Weston Democrat." We will have entertainment by our own "Hacker-Wackers". They will bring us some good ol' mountain music and local ballads. Anyone with a musical talent is invited to join in so bring your instrument. Last year this was enjoyed by all.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1984

- 7:30am - Breakfast in the dining hall.

Tentative Schedule

9:00am - Inter-Denominational Worship Service in the All Faith's Chapel or worship at the place of your choice at local churches.

After Worship Service, back to West Virginia Building for Free Time, Research and being Clannish.

12:15pm - Sunday Dinner - Dining Hall.

1:30pm - General Meeting of the members to discuss and vote on all matters brought before the body. Vote on the by-laws and constitution of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. Receive report of nominating committee and election of officers for the coming year. Close of meeting till next year. The W. Va. Building will remain open until 5 pm.

Plans are well underway, as you can see. This is a "tentative" schedule and is subject to some change. All activity will take place in the West Virginia Building, except the meals which will be in the lovely Mount Vernon Style Dining Hall.

To repeat - if you have not made your reservations, please do so at once. You must have reservations for meals - even if you intend to spend the nights elsewhere.

The \$2.00 registration fee remains the same. Many attend just a portion of our meetings to do research only. These walk-ins, who are not members, will have to pay a flat \$5.00 fee. If a walk-in wishes to pay the membership fee, he will be charged only the \$2.00 registration.

There will be a display of historical material by the members throughout the weekend and hopefully we will have a copy machine available. Please bring items to share with others.

Last year, the first day of our meeting was half taken by registrations. We hope that by registering on Friday afternoon, we will have more time to spend on our family genealogical research.

Some suggestions:

- (1) Bring some comfortable walking shoes - and boots might not be a bad idea!
- (2) If you wish to be introduced in the "Getting Acquainted" portion of the program, please send a biography or a brief description of your Hacker's Creek connections to Bob Smith.
- (3) Don't be shy and be prepared for an exciting weekend.

WEST VIRGINIA PIONEERS

If your ancestor was in what is now West Virginia prior to 1825, you might be interested in becoming a member of the West Virginia Pioneers, an organization sponsored by the Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society. To apply, you must be a member of the Society. Their dues are \$12 for a single membership and \$15 for a joint membership for persons who live in West Virginia. Out-of-staters are subscribers and pay only \$7.50. They publish a monthly newsletter which you receive with your membership. They also have a library which is open every Wednesday evening.

Unlike D.A.R. or S.A.R., those applying for membership in the West Virginia Pioneers do not have to prove the whole lineage. They must prove only that their ancestor was there.

Charles Harper, their newly elected Vice President and a member of HCPD, tells me that recently a new member joined on Morgan Morgan. Charles has the record for the most early ancestors registered.

The organization has an induction ceremony for West Virginia Pioneers at their May meeting, the third Thursday.

For further information, write: Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 855, South Charleston, W. Va. 25303.

ANOTHER DONATION TO US

Mrs. Jesse Hamilton of Buckhannon, W. Va., recently donated a copy of the Pendleton County Marriage Records to the HCPD library. Thanks!

NEW POLICY

Because of some recent complications, the Hacker's Creek Journal has found it necessary to establish a new policy about advertising publications which our members have for sale.

Anything which is offered for sale to our members through the Journal must first be reviewed by a member of the Publication Committee: Joy Gilchrist, Betty Graybill, Lolita Guthrie or Bob Smith.

We are not asking you to donate the material to the library (although we'll gladly accept it), but you must submit a copy which will be returned to you, unless otherwise stated, to one of the above mentioned people.

DANIEL LOWTHER AND HARMONY CEMETERY

Thanks to an article which appeared in the March 21st "Weston Democrat", HCPD was made aware of the efforts of young Daniel Lowther in preserving one of the historic sites of Hacker's Creek.

Daniel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Lowther of 113 W. Seventh Street, Weston, received the Eagle Scout award for his efforts on February 26th in ceremonies at the Harmony Methodist church. He is a member of Weston Boy Scout Troop 105.

According to the "Democrat," Lowther's Eagle Service project consisted of the removal of overgrown brush and old fence line and the complete rebuilding of 1,800 feet of fence for the Harmony Methodist church cemetery which is located on the hill above the church on Hacker's Creek near Jane Lew. Involved in the project was the church cemetery board, church members, members of Troop 105, members of the Weston Volunteer Fire department and several individual and family members.

Young Lowther has served his troop in many leadership positions and, in 1980, was awarded the Order of the Arrow, the national Brotherhood of Scout Campers.

Although the editor has not yet had the time or the opportunity to check out Lowther's ancestral lines, she is fairly certain that Daniel is a descendant of Col. William Lowther, the "Defender and Protector of Northwestern Virginia."

As a special thanks from the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants to Daniel Lowther for his work in helping preserve part of our heritage, it was decided by the officers that he should be awarded an honorary membership in HCPD for 1984.

BENJAMIN F. TATTERSON

Some of you who attended the First Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering will recall meeting and talking with Ben Tatterson. At that time Ben was fighting his private battle against cancer. He lost that battle on January 19, 1984, at the St. Clair Memorial Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Ben was a descendant of the Staats, the Fleshers and the Straleys. Just shortly before his death, he completed The History of the Tatterson Family. In addition to working on his own family history, Ben actively assisted his wife Clerissa in her research of her several family lines. She published the History and Genealogy of the Poling Family in 1978.

Tatterson was 70 and retired as a senior staff engineer at Koppers Co., Inc. of Pittsburgh. From 1942 to 1945 he was chief field operation engineer for Koppers. He was promoted to senior project engineer in 1950 and served in that capacity for 24 years, retiring for the first time in 1974. Later that year, he returned to Koppers in engineering construction and finally retired in 1977.

He was a member of the American Chemist Society, Eastern States Blast Furnace and Coke Plant Association, and Phi Lambda Epsilon fraternity, and was listed in the 1979 and 1980 editions of Marquis Who's Who in the East.

He was a research fellow with the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research from 1945 to 1950 and held nine patents with Koppers, primarily in coal chemical processing.

Mr. Tatterson learned chemistry and physics in the Roane County Schools in Spencer, W. Va., from 1936 to 1938; was an open hearth chemist with Weirton Steel Co. from 1940 to 1941, and was professor of chemistry at

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Glenville State College in West Virginia from 1941 to 1942.

He was a charter member of Pittsburgh Baptist Church in Dormont, where he served as deacon, trustee and men's Bible school teacher.

He is survived by his wife, Clerissa Ann Hathaway Tatterson; two sons, David F. of Downers Grove, Ill., and Gary B. of College Station, Texas; two brothers, Willis of Charleston, W. Va., and Dale of Ashland, Ky.; four sisters, Mildred Tatterson of Brookline, Pa., Elsie Goff of Winchester, Va., Leora Anderson of Newark, Ohio, and Marie Hartzell of Capon Bridge, W. Va. and four grandchildren.

Those who may be interested in purchasing the Tatterson family history should write to: Mrs. Clerissa Tatterson, 975 McNeeley Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221.

BENSON A. BENNETT

Benson A. Bennett, 69, passed away Monday, May 28, in the Luther Park Health Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

He was born in St. Petersburg, Fla., and lived his early years in Shreveport, La. At 14 years of age after the death of his parents, Dr. Herman Albertus and Alda Evelyn (Robinson) Bennett, in a car-train wreck, he came to McGuire Park near Weston, W. Va., to live with the Cougars.

At McGuire Park he met Reva Winemiller, the daughter of Nick and Denna (Squires) Winemiller, whom he married in 1956. The couple moved to Akron, Ohio, where they remained until 1979 when they retired to Indianola, Iowa.

Bennett was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy 119 Battalion Seabees. He was a member of the Akron Consistory and past patron of the Lakes Chapter 567 O.E.S. in Akron. He served as an officer in the Indianola Kiwanis and the Indianola Blue Lodge. He was a member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.

He was a truck driver for over 40 years with Motor Cargo Co. and Consolidated Freightways.

He is survived by wife, Reva of Indianola; sister, Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Rapp of Charleston, W. Va.; sister-in-law Zoe (Winemiller) Stalker; and two nephews and a niece - Jene Gregoire of Irvonna, Pa., Dr. Terry Stalker of Albuquerque, N.M., and Joy (Gregoire) Gilchrist of West Lafayette, Ohio.

CLAUDIA HACKER

Miss Claudia Hacker, 95, formerly of 131 East Second Street, Weston, W. Va., died Sunday, June 3, in Nella's of Elkins, following a brief illness.

She was born in Harrison county, May 27, 1882, a daughter of the late William E. and Virginia E. Cheuvront Hacker.

Surviving are one brother, William Brooks Hacker, Richmond, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Bartlett, Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Maude Floyd of Weston.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and four sisters.

Miss Hacker attended the First Baptist church of Weston, where she was a member of the Women's Missionary society. She was a longtime member of the former Teachers association and the Women's Christian Temperance union. She was interred at Friendship I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

BUCKHANNON DELTA

In the "Relatively Speaking" column of the Monday, June 25, 1984, "Buckhannon Delta", there were several errors pertaining the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. The editor feels that these should be corrected and is sending that correction to the paper. Hopefully, they will make a retraction.

The article says, " In October of 1982 we formed a group whose descendants settled on Hacker's Creek. We began with 25 members and met at Jackson's Mill. To this date we have close to 500 members and still have only one meeting a year. In 1983 the meeting lasted two days and in 1984 we will have it for three days, Sept. 28, 28 and 30 at Jackson's Mill."

The success of the group is beyond all of our expectations and we attribute most of this success to the Journal published by the Hacker's Creek Descendants and the cooperative spirit among its members. This Journal contains 70 to 150 pages of valuable information to aid persons in finding their roots."

To correct this:

The idea for HCPD came at a morning coffee break between Betty Graybill and Joy Gilchrist in April 1982. With Franklin Walter's and May Straley White's help, a meeting was held in October 1982 at the Broad Run Baptist Church with 93 persons in attendance. We have about 225 members at this printing.

The Journal does not contain 70 to 150 pages. Each issue is about 50 pages long. This issue is close to 100 pages because it is really two issues.

In the last paragraph of the article, the impression was given that the fall gathering is open to everyone. It is, if you pay either your dues and the \$2.00 registration fee or \$5.00 for non-members and walk-ins.

Another misstatement - "If you would want back issues of the Journal, they are \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members, only until they run out." All back issues are \$2.50 each. None are \$5.00.

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CHRONICLES OF BORDER WARFARE
and
BORDER SETTLERS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

Two of the most widely used reference books on the Trans Allegheny migration are Chronicles of Border Warfare and Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia.

'Chronicles' was "originally" published in 1831 by Joseph Israel, a Clarksburg printer, with credit for authorship going to Alexander Scott Withers. There is even a plaque commemorating his work on the courthouse lawn in Weston, W. Va. You will note that the word "originally" is contained in quotation marks in the above sentence. From its earliest days, members of the Hacker and Powers family refuted this authorship claiming that the book had originally been written by William Hacker and William Powers. This writer is no exception.

William Hacker (1770-1826) was the son of John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker; he was the first white child born in present-day Lewis County. He was well respected in the community and served as a justice of the peace in both Harrison County and Lewis County. He performed many of the marriages recorded in the records of both counties.

I am not certain as to William Powers parentage but he also was a respected man of the community. He, too, served as a justice of the peace. He was a neighbor of the Hackers. If any Powers family researcher has further information about his identity, I would appreciate knowing about it.

In 1915 Lucullus Virgil McWhorter's The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia was published. Begun in 1896, it was an outgrowth from the original plan to write a biography of Jesse Hughes. It ended by being a biography of not only Hughes but of other great Indian Scouts of the late 1700's and a description of life in Trans Allegheny Virginia. He also made an attempt to establish the true authorship of 'Chronicles'. McWhorter called heavily upon the Draper Correspondence in his efforts to prove this authorship but was never able to conclusively prove it.

Sometime in the summer of 1982 I was visiting in Fairmont, W. Va., and called upon Glenn D. Lough, author of Now and Long Ago, a history of Marion County, and the now defunct "Awhile Ago Times." (By the way, Mr. Lough is currently working on another local history which takes in the whole Monongahela Valley. Publication is scheduled for sometime next year.) I learned that Mr. Lough traced his roots back to Adam and Elizabeth (Staats) Flesher and, therefore, had an interest in Hacker's Creek. It was on the Flesher farm that the town of Weston was built.

I told him of my ancestry there and about HCPD. I mentioned the claim of authorship of 'Chronicles' made by members of the Hacker family. He told me that he believed that I could find the answer to the problem if I would check the microfilm of the old Morgantown newspapers on file in the West Virginia Collection at West Virginia University. He did not tell me that he (Lough) had written about the questionable authorship in one of his issues of "Awhile Ago Times".

Since it was late on Sunday afternoon and I had to return to my home in Canton, I was unable to check the microfilm immediately. I requested it on Inter Library Loan through the Stark County District Library and finally received it in December of 1982.

The first papers filmed on this particular roll were the "Monongalia Chronicle". The first one was dated May 21, 1825. It apparently was the second issue to ever be published for it was Vol. I, Issue 2. There on one of its pages was the advertisement which is reprinted on page 104

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of this issue.

A few weeks later, my friend Helen Frankman was reading some of Lough's old "Awhile Ago Times" and found an article that he had published on page 6 of the _____ issue. I leave this blank because the issue number was not passed on to me, just a copy of his article. The article is entitled "Who Really Wrote 'Chronicles of Border Warfare'?"

Mr. Lough tells us that Alexander Scott Withers, the purported author, was born on 12 Oct 1792 near Warrenton, Fauquier County, Va. In 1827 at the age of 35, he, with his wife and five children, moved to Bridgeport, Harrison County in what is now West Virginia. He later settled near Clarksburg.

Withers didn't even come to present-day West Virginia until more than two years after Hacker and Powers advertised "A History Of the first settling of the North-Western and South-Western parts of Virginia".

Lough further says:

"Certain persons who knew him have said that he (Withers) spent no time at all in collecting material; that material for the book, in very large part, was supplied him, through Judge Edwin S. Duncan, by William Powers and William Hacker. "

This statement can be only partly true for Withers came in 1827 and William Hacker had died in 1826.

Continuing with quotations from Lough's article:

"Adam Flesher, 1764-1854, often remarked that Powers and Hacker had written copy enough for a 300-page book, and readied the script for the printer, in 1825 almost three years before Mr. Withers and family moved from Warrenton to Bridgeport. In fact, it has been reported that Adam Flesher purchased a copy of 'Chronicles of Border Warfare,' by William Powers & William Hacker, in July 1825, and paid \$1.25 for it.

After some discussion of this statement and the laughter it brought from "a chairman of the history department of one of the great universities of the world", Lough went on to quote from Chronicles of Border Warfare, 7th edition, or Impression by Alexander Scott Withers, page VIII, introductory section, titled, "Memoir of the Author," by Lyman C. Draper:

"Soon after Mr. Taylor's publication (Taylor's work, "Son of Cornstalk"), Judge Edwin S. Duncan, of Peel Tree, then in Harrison, now in Barbour County, West Virginia, a gentleman of education, and well fitted for such a work, residing in the heart of a region rife with the story of Indian wars and hairbreadth escapes, made a collection of materials, probably including Mr. Taylor's sketches, with a view to a similar work; but his professional pursuits and judicial services interposed to preclude the faithful prosecution of the work, so he turned over to Mr. Withers his historic

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gatherings with such suggestion, especially upon the Indian race, as by his studies and reflections he was able to offer.

"Other local gleaners in the field of local history, particularly Noah Zane, of Wheeling, John Hacker, of the Hacker's Creek settlement, and others, freely furnished their notes and other statements for the work. Mr. Withers, under these favorable circumstances, became quite well equipped with materials regarding especially the first settlement and Indian wars of the region now comprising West Virginia; and to a considerable extent, the region of Staunton and further southwest, of the French and Indian War period, together with Dunmore's War, and the several campaigns from the western borders of Virginia and Pennsylvania into the Ohio region, during the Revolutionary War.

"Alexander Scott Withers, for his good services in the field of Western history, well deserves to have his name and memory perpetuated as a public benefactor."

This writer will not disagree with the fact that Withers performed "good services in the field of Western history", but I feel that Hacker and Powers need to be recognized right along with him. I was particularly impressed by the index card I found on Chronicles of Border Warfare in the Akron, Ohio, Public Library. It gave Alexander S. Withers as the recognized author but had the names of William Hacker and William Powers in parentheses immediately thereafter.

Lough goes on to say that a granddaughter of Adam Flesher owned a receipt showing that her grandfather had actually purchased a copy of a book titled Chronicles of Border Warfare in 1825. She remembered the book and said that it was printed by Henry & Carpenter, the publishers of the "Monongalia Chronicle". She claimed that the book owned by Adam Flesher was published June 30, 1825.

Lough indicated that he had researched further and that it "seems this newspaper stopped publication with the June, 1825 issue." He speculated that "The Monongalia Chronicle" did indeed publish "Border Warfare" and had published but a few copies of the same when they and the Chronicle went out of business.

This writer disagrees, in part, with Mr. Lough's findings. At the time that I read the microfilm I wasn't aware of Mr. Lough's findings and did not check him out. However, I have in my possession copies of several papers which followed on that very same roll of microfilm with the name "Monongalia Chronicle" emblazoned across the top of the first page. The 16 July 1825 issue shows that Henry & Carpenter are still the publishers. The offices, as on 21 May 1825 are located at the "East End of Main Street" in Morgantown. The next issue that I have which shows the name of the publisher is dated 19 Nov 1825. The publisher is listed as D. S. Carpenter and the offices have moved to the "North-East End of High Street." Perhaps Henry "sold out" to Carpenter. This area needs to be researched to find the exact reason for the change.

Chronicles. . . (cont.)

Lough speculated that "The Monongalia Chronicle" did publish "Border Warfare" and had published but a few copies of the same when they and the Chronicle went of business. He questioned that it might be this manuscript that was acquired by Judge Duncan (was he one of the subscribers?) that was later passed on to Withers.

I believe that it is more likely that Judge Duncan passed his copy on to Withers knowing that Hacker was deceased and knowing that D.S. Carpenter, the publisher of "The Monongalia Chronicle" was deceased.

D. S. Carpenter, incidentally, brings another twist to the story. D. S. were the initials for David Sleeth Carpenter. Isn't it strange that William Hacker's mother was Margaret Sleeth and that Margaret's brother David Wallace Sleeth had married for his first wife Catherine Carpenter, the daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Wolfe) Carpenter? (See Volume I, Issue 4, HCJ, "First Families.") I have been unable to determine where David Sleeth Carpenter fits in the Sleeth and/or Carpenter families. I do know that on 16 June 1827, D. S. Carpenter published the following on the front page of the "Monongalia Chronicle."

I presume this will be the last number I shall issue until my health will be sufficiently recored to atend to my business. In the meantime I wish my subscribers would settle up their accounts either by payment or note. I return my thanks to those who have paid the amount or a part of their subscription.

On 22 August 1827 David Sleeth Carpenter died leaving a wife and child. He had found someone to publish for him and his flowery obituary appeared in the 24 August 1827 issue. I had a copy of that obituary but have misplaced it somewhere in this office. For this I apoligize. According to the Monongalia County Marriage Records published by Mrs. Owen Crickard, David S. (L.?) Carpenter m. Susannah W. Sheets, d/o Phillip F. Sheets on 28 Apr 1824. Phillip F. Sheets was the bondsman.

Lough points out:

"The title of 'Border Warfare' as given in the Israel-Withers 7th impression edition, is, in full, as follows:

"Chronicles of Border Warfare or, A History of the Settlement by the White, of Northwestern Virginia, and of the Indian Wars and Massacres in that section of the State.

"with Reflections, Anecdotes, & c. by Alexander Scott Wither."

"This title actually tells us, regarding Mr. Withers, that he wrote "Reflections, Anecdotes, &c."

Other points made by Lough about Chronicles of Border Warfare include the facts that the 1831 edition was the first book to be published west of the Allegheny Mountains and that Withers was never paid for his

Chronicles. . . (cont.)

work. This writer says that the first book was published west of the Allegheny Mountains even six years earlier - in 1825.

Lough also reported that he had been informed - "source of information seems reliable" that Mr. Noah "Judge" Life, of Lewis County, owned a copy of "Border Warfare" and that Mr. Ira Anglin of near Philippi, W. Va., owned the Life copy after 1900. Mr. Flowers Anglin, of Clarksburg, son of Ira Anglin, owned the "Ira Anglin" copy when he, Mr. Flowers Anglin, died.

This same source told Lough that "only eighteen copies of the book were 'finished out,' stitched and bound, etc., and all unbound copies were sold to 'a gentleman in Harrison County.' William Powers, according to this source, objected to selling the unfinished copies."

Do any of our readers and/or members know of the existence of one of these eighteen copies? If you have even the slightest suspicion that you or someone you know might own one of these "rare" books, please share that information with us.

Chronicles of Border Warfare is still in print. It may be obtained from the McClain Publishing Company, 212 Main Street, Parsons, W. Va. 26287. This edition has been edited and annotated by Reuben Gold Thwaites.

Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia has also been reprinted. Jim Comstock reprinted it in his West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia in 1972; Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore reprinted it again in 1975. It is still available.

Missing from the 1975 edition is a list of advance subscribers to the original edition. Following is that list as submitted to me by Cris Wagoner. She obtained this list from Alyce Cox's copy of the Comstock edition. The list may be useful to our members because it gives the location of various Hacker's Creek descendants ca 1915.

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DONATIONS

The small library of the Hacker's Creek Pioneers has grown in recent months with donations of indices and manuscripts from several sources. These books will be brought to the annual gathering at the end of September for use by all our members. In addition, if you have something which you would like me to check, please send a S.A.S.E. and your specific questions and I'll see what I can find.

Index of the Genealogical Charts in Minnie S. McWhorter's 1948
HISTORY OF THE HENRY MC WHORTER FAMILY OF NEW JERSEY AND
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All written by Bob Swisher, Box 298 Capitol Station,
Richmond, Virginia, and donated by him.

FIRST YEAR BOOK OF THE UPSHUR COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 1982,
BUCKHANNON, WEST VIRGINIA, compiled by Janet Cosgrove and
donated by her.

INDEX FOR SALE

Ruth Flesher Robb, 131 West North Avenue, Lombard, Illinois 60148, has indexed the genealogical charts (beginning on page 121) in Minnie S. McWhorter's 1948 HISTORY OF THE HENRY MC WHORTER FAMILY OF NEW JERSEY AND WEST VIRGINIA. It has complete names (not merely surnames); so, if a researcher locates the name he is searching for, he can be sure it is in the book. The price is \$5 postpaid and may be ordered by writing to Mrs. Robb.

The HCPD library was the recipient of one of these indices and it is well done and well worth the \$5.

1900 LEWIS COUNTY CENSUS

The 1900 Lewis County Census has been compiled by Ann Newman, Drawer C, Buckhannon, W. Va. 26201, with an occasional assist from Jay Newman. A copy of her effort was donated to HCPD sometime ago (Vol. I, Issue 5, pg. 110). The census is most helpful in locating later day families in Lewis County; and this work is especially helpful because Ann has included the maiden names of the wives when she could locate them in various court records.

The books are handbound in leather-like cardboard and are a must in the Lewis County researchers library. \$16.50 ppd.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS
OF
HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS

Those of you who attended the 1983 Gathering at Jackson's Mill will recall that a By-Law Committee was appointed to study and write by-laws for HCPD. The committee was composed of: Howard T. Bonnett, Chairman; Mrs. Jacob Keiffer; Mrs. Barbara Swisher McCarty; Mrs. Charles W. White; Mrs. Joy Gilchrist; and Mr. James W. De Brular. Mr. David H. Badger agreed to serve as legal counsel for the committee.

The group met at the gathering and then expressed their ideas to the body; the body, in turn, expressed their ideas to the committee. It was decided that the committee should work through the winter and have a proposed draft for publication in the Journal before the 1984 Gathering.

Several drafts and suggestions have been passed among the committee through the winter. The final draft which will be presented to the Gathering for a vote is a consensus of their work and reads:

Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants
By-Laws

ARTICLE I - Name.

The name of this Society shall be HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS.

ARTICLE II - Purpose.

The purpose of this Society shall be to:

Assist in the development and preservation of the history and genealogy of the Hacker's Creek area of West Virginia.

Exchange and publish historical and genealogical information about the said area.

Sponsor special projects, workshops and/or meetings relating to the history and genealogy of said area.

It is the intent of the members that this Society shall be non-profit and exempt from federal, state, and local taxes. Any and all Society income shall be dedicated to the purposes above and shall not inure to the benefit of any member. The Society shall not engage in propaganda or attempt to influence legislation, or participate in or intervene in any political campaign.

ARTICLE III - Official Publication.

The Society shall issue a serial publication under the name
THE HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL.

By-Laws - (Cont)

ARTICLE IV - Membership.

Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the history and/or genealogy of the Hacker's Creek area.

Hacker's Creek is defined as that area included in the watershed drained by said stream.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V - Government.

Section 1. The governing body of the Society shall be an Executive Committee comprising the four officers identified in Section 6 of this Article and the immediate Past-President, or if necessary, another Representative elected by the membership to provide a fifth member of the Executive Committee. The four officers, and, if necessary, the Representative to the Executive Committee, shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for two years following election, except that for the first election following adoption of these By-Laws, the Vice-President and the Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected for one year.

Section 2. All officers shall be paid-up members of the Society.

Section 3. Newly elected officers shall be seated at the end of the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall

Transact the affairs of the Society;
Report on proposed policy changes and new projects;
Keep the membership informed of activities affecting the Society.

Section 5. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Duties of Officers:

a) The President shall

Preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee;
Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of them except the Audit and Nominating Committee.

b) The Vice-President shall

Assist the President in organizational duties;
Perform the duties of the President in the absence of,

By-Laws - (cont.)

or inability of the President to serve;
Serve as Chairman of the Reunion Committee.

c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall

Record the minutes of meetings of the general membership and
of the Executive Committee and preserve minutes and reports;
Be responsible for the correspondence of the Society;
Collect and record all dues and funds received by the Society;
Pay all bills belonging to the Society;
Serve as a member of the Reunion Committee;
Draft a budget to be discussed and/or modified and adopted
at the Annual Meeting;
Regulate expenditures in accordance with the budget;
Give a financial report at Executive Committee meetings and
an Annual Report at the Annual Meeting;
Notify and, if necessary, apply to the appropriate District
Director of the Internal Revenue Service for an exemption
from Federal Income Taxes.

d) The Archivist/Editor shall

Be responsible for filing and preserving historical and
genealogical material gathered by or contributed to the
Society;
Serve as Editor-in-chief of the Society's publication, the
Hacker's Creek Journal;
Serve as Editor-in-chief of special publications undertaken
by the Society.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of members held at a place and
date determined by the Reunion Committee.

ARTICLE VII - Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year shall begin October 1.

ARTICLE VIII - Revision of the By-Laws.

Amendment and/or revision of the By-Laws may take place as follows:

- 1) The proposed amendment or revision shall be submitted in
writing to the President prior to March 1;
- 2) The proposal shall be acted upon by the Executive Committee
in written ballot by May 1;
- 3) The proposal shall be published in the Hacker's Creek Journal
in its Summer issue together with the Executive Committee
action on it;
- 4) The proposal shall be voted on at the next Annual Meeting.

By-Laws - (cont.)

ARTICLE IX - Standing Committees.

- a) The Reunion Committee shall make arrangements for and organize the Reunion, including site, date, decorations, speakers, entertainment, housing and meals.

Site and date shall be announced in the winter issue of the Hacker's Creek Journal. Reunion reservations shall be available to members in April preceding the meeting.

- b) The Publicity Committee shall encourage publication of news relating to the activities, especially the Annual Meeting, of the Society. For this purpose, the Committee may supply information to appropriate daily and weekly newspapers serving the Central West Virginia area and other publications more specialized in genealogy and history.
- c) The Publications Committee shall issue the official Society journal known as the HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL, at a frequency dependent on availability of material and finances as approved by the Executive Committee.

The Committee may from time to time, investigate, prepare and issue special publications and offer them for sale.

- d) The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the President, and shall examine annually at the end of each year the Society's accounts held by the Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee shall consist of one member of the Executive Committee and two members of the Society. The Committee shall audit the records and report their findings in a signed report at the next Annual Meeting.
- e) The Special Projects Committee. From time to time, the Society may wish to undertake special projects consistent with the stated purposes of the Society. The President shall appoint members of the Society to investigate and propose projects for the approval of the members, and if approved, to carry out the project.

ARTICLE X - Elections.

Section 1. All officers shall be elected by a simple majority of votes cast at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee of three or more members appointed by the President shall prepare a slate of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee may solicit recommendations for officers from the general membership. The Nominating Committee must obtain consent of any member nominated for an office in the Society.

Section 3. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Society at the Annual Meeting.

By-Laws (cont.)

Section 4. Officers shall be installed in their respective offices at the close of the Annual Meeting. They then shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed into office.

Section 5. In cases of resignation or incapacity of any officer to serve, except the President, the vacancy may be filled by vote of the Executive Committee for the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE XI - Dissolution.

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Society, distribute all remaining assets to the West Virginia and Regional History Collection of the West Virginia University.

ISAAC SMITH

Isaac E. Smith, 107, of Cox's Mill, died Monday morning, April 9, 1984, in the Stonewall Jackson Memorial hospital, Weston, W. Va., following a lingering illness.

He was born at Rock Cave, Upshur county, October 13, 1876, the son of the late Peter Swisher and Phoebe (Lee) Smith. His paternal grandparents were the Rev. John and Mary (Swisher) Smith; his paternal great grandparents were David and Sarah (Hacker) Smith and Peter and Susannah (Rinehart) Swisher.

On March 12, 1912, he married the former Millie Eagle, who resides at Cox's Mill, W. Va.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Helen Kurtz, Bentleyville, Pa., Mrs. Virginia Anderson, Vermillion, Ohio, and Mrs. Lily Dale Foster, Weston; two sons, Page Smith, Troy, and Richard Engle, Ripley; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Troy United Methodist church and a retired music teacher and farmer.

He was interred on April 11, 1984, at the Rock Cave cemetery.

Who Is Eliza? (cont. from p. 121)

Samuel Jr., married for his second wife, Lucind Hooe in Lewis County on 5 December 1820. Since Eliza left no progeny, perhaps her full identity is of minor consequence -- but I'd still like to know. If any reader can help, please drop a line to -

Howard T. Bonnett
314 East Glenwood Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Page 8 Weston Democrat Wednesday, April 10, 1984

Yankee in Your Family? May Be a Medal Waiting

Did you have an ancestor in the Weston 10th Infantry, 3rd Cavalry, or 15th Infantry? If you did, you may have an unclaimed Civil War medal waiting to be picked up in Charleston.

Forty-two members of these Yankee units were among a list of 5,200 Union veterans for whom the Department of Culture and History still holds Civil war medals, now available on a county-to-county basis to enable heirs to research and claim.

"In determining whether your ancestor indeed is one of the veterans whose medals remain unclaimed, it is recommended that you research your family tree for the proper name and county from which he came," suggests Fredrick Armstrong, associate director for the department's Archives and History division. Armstrong adds that 26,000 medals were made available in 1866 by the West Virginia Legislature, and that 80 percent have been claimed either by the soldier himself or a surviving family member. The balance of the medals are stored in the State Archives at the Cultural Arts center in Charleston.

The Department of Culture and History will award the medals to

heirs who can provide a line of descent from the Union army veteran. Armstrong specified that such documentation might be drawn from military records, census records, birth records, death records, marriage records, and other generally accepted genealogical research records. The applicant for the Civil war medal must present certified copies of the necessary records, many of which are available in the department's Archives library located at the Cultural center.

Armstrong states that the person documenting the most direct descent from the Civil war veteran will receive the medal at the end of a six-month period following submission of the claim. "The six-month period will enable verification of the claim and ample time for any secondary claimant to come forward," explains Armstrong. "In the case of equal claims, the person who first submitted the documented claim to the department will be awarded the medal." The Archives and History division will accept researched and documented claims until April 12, 1985.

A list of all unclaimed medals will be published in "West Virginia History", Volume 45, scheduled for publication in May.

For additional information, write the Archives and History division, Department of Culture and History, Cultural center, State Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV 25305, or phone 348-0230.

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WHO IS ELIZA?
by
Howard T. Bonnett

Eliza, consort of Samuel Bonnet, Jr., was the first buried in Old Harmony Cemetery near Jane Lew, W. Va. Eliza and Samuel were married 24 December 1818 in Lewis County, Virginia (W. Va.) (Lewis Co. Marriage Book 1, p. 4) (See bond on p.120 of this issue.). A son, Perry Green, was born 10 October 1819, died 2 February 1820 and was buried beside his mother. Eliza died 15 October 1819.

Eliza's surname is not given in the marriage record; it is given in the marriage bond and is easily read as Eliza Singer, but there is confusion for these reasons:

- a) In the passage in the bond, "... a marriage between ... Saml Bonnett and Miss Eliza Singer ...", the initial letter in Saml and the initial letter in Eliza's surname appear nearly identical.
- b) In line 2 of the bond in the passage, "... that we Saml Bonnet, Jr. and Lewis Singer are held ...", the initial letter of Saml, and the initial letters of the other signer's name appear closely similar and to be the letter "S".
- c) The two signers of the bond wrote their names; the handwriting of their names differ from each other and both differ from the writing of the body of the bond. The initial letters of the second signer's name are clearly different; the initial letter of the given name is clearly "L", so the name is "Lewis"; the initial letter of the surname is not clearly written and could be read as "L, S or J".
- d) The bond was attested by R. W. Collins, D.C.L.C. The letters DCLC are run together as one who signs frequently would tend to do. The "L" in this series is formed in a manner similar to the letter "S: used elsewhere in the body of the bond.
- e) In response to a query, Mary Hold reported that Henry H. Withers deeded 250 acres of land on Stone Coal to Oliver Singer in 1872 (Deed Book g:457), and that no Singer had been listed earlier and just the one family.
- f) Mabel Scott, who knows about the Linger family, does not know of a Lewis Linger. She reported problems also in distinguishing the letters "L" and "S:.. She mentioned an 1803 land deed in Hardy County indexed under Nicholas Singer but should have been "Linger"; and in Harrison County in a 1794 marriage she found a marriage between John Linger and Elizabeth Tetrick; later she learned that the groom was John Swiger!

Samuel Bonnett, Jr., was my gr-grandfather, s/o Jacob Bonnett and Martha Hughes. He appears to have been called "Jr." because he had an uncle, Samuel Bonnett who married Martha Radcliff, living in the same community.

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JUDGE MC WHORTER, GEORGE STRALEY AND BILL ADLER

I'll agree that this is an unusual title for an article in the Journal. What on earth could these three men who each lived in a different era have in common?

In Volume 2, Issue 2 (January 1984) of the Journal was an article about George Straley and his family. That issue had no more than gone to press (because it was very late) when the 14 March 1984 issue of the "Weston Democrat" was published.

As always, I read first the obituaries and then "Yesteryears" by Bill Adler. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the "Democrat" and its staff, Bill is a local boy who was born and raised in Lewis County. A local business man, he is currently serving as President of the Weston Chamber of Commerce. His hobby is history - Lewis County History. Each week he researches "old" issues of the "Democrat" and writes a column based on his research. Recent issues have contained article about Hacker's Creek.

And that's where Judge McWhorter enters our story.

Judge John C. McWhorter, a cousin of Luculls Virgil McWhorter, who wrote The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia, and a descendant of Henry McWhorter, was born on Hacker's Creek in 1866. His family later moved to Upshur County. Educated in law at West Virginia University, he practiced the profession at Buckhannon and was for several years a judge of the Circuit Court of Upshur County. He was a charter members of the West Virginia Historical Society.

On 27 July 1919 the Judge was the featured speaker at the Centennial Celebration of the Harmony Church. His speech was published in the 1 August 1919 issue of the "Democrat". Bill Adler found the speech. It was the basis for "Yesteryears" on 14 March.

What a treasure that article turned out to be!!! Not only did it help the Straley researchers but it also helped others who are researching "our" area. In fact, I'm hoping that Bill will give us permission to reprint this column in some future issue.

On page 82 of the January issue, the last two lines, I said, "I have not been able to determine her (Margaret Roby Straley) exact date of death nor have I been able to determine where she and her husband George Straley Sr. were buried. I THINK they were perhaps buried at Old Harmony, but I can't prove it."

Bill Adler reports that Judge McWhorter had this to say:

"A short time ago, I visited the old "Harmony Cemetery" out there on the brow of the hill. I reverently examined the old tombs and wondered if any of us really appreciated their significance. I saw grave after grave unmarked, save by unlettered and uncut stones. I saw the grave of Peter Waggoner, the last surviving victim of Indian tragedy in northwestern Virginia, who died in 1879 at the ripe old age of 93 years. Then I saw the grave of William Cotrill, who was born with the Declaration of Independence. There, too, sleeps the body of Elizabeth Bonnett, wife of Samuel Bonnett. She died in October 1819 and was the first person buried in the old cemetery. Her funeral was held while the old church was being erected - her grave stones are falling down.

Judge McWhorter, George Straley and Bill Adler (cont.)

"And there is the grave of Martha Bonnett, a daughter of Jesse Hughes, who suffered in Indian captivity, whose descendants are living in this valley, who was born' before the Revolutionary War, and her resting place will soon be forgotten if attention is not given to it. There is also the grave of the old settler, William Cookman, the progenitor of the Cookman family in this state, English by birth and blood, and by his side sleeps his wife, Elizabeth, who was born 156 years ago. I saw there also the grave of Charlotte Hardman, born 117 years ago, when George Washington was a lad only 18 years old. And there were the graves of George and Elizabeth Straley, whose lives went far back of the French and Indian war."

Yes, Bill Adler found Judge McWhorter. Judge McWhorter found George Straley. I'm not sure if this is sufficient proof to the burial place of George Straley and it doesn't tell us where his second wife Margaret (Roby) Straley is buried, but it's a good piece of evidence. Thanks, Bill!

- Joy Gilchrist

Church Histories (cont. from p. 152)

1845; Mt. Zion Baptist, 1846; St. Paul's Episcopal, 1848; Valley Chapel Evangelical United Brethern, 1850; McCanns Run Methodist, 1850; Duffy Methodist, 1850; Miles Chapel Evangelical United Brethern, 1854; Jane Lew First Methodist, 1854; Horner Methodist, 1856; Hedding Chapel Methodist, 1856; Vandalia Methodist, 1858; Freemansburg Evangelical United Brethren, 1859.

A SCOTCH-IRISH FLING!

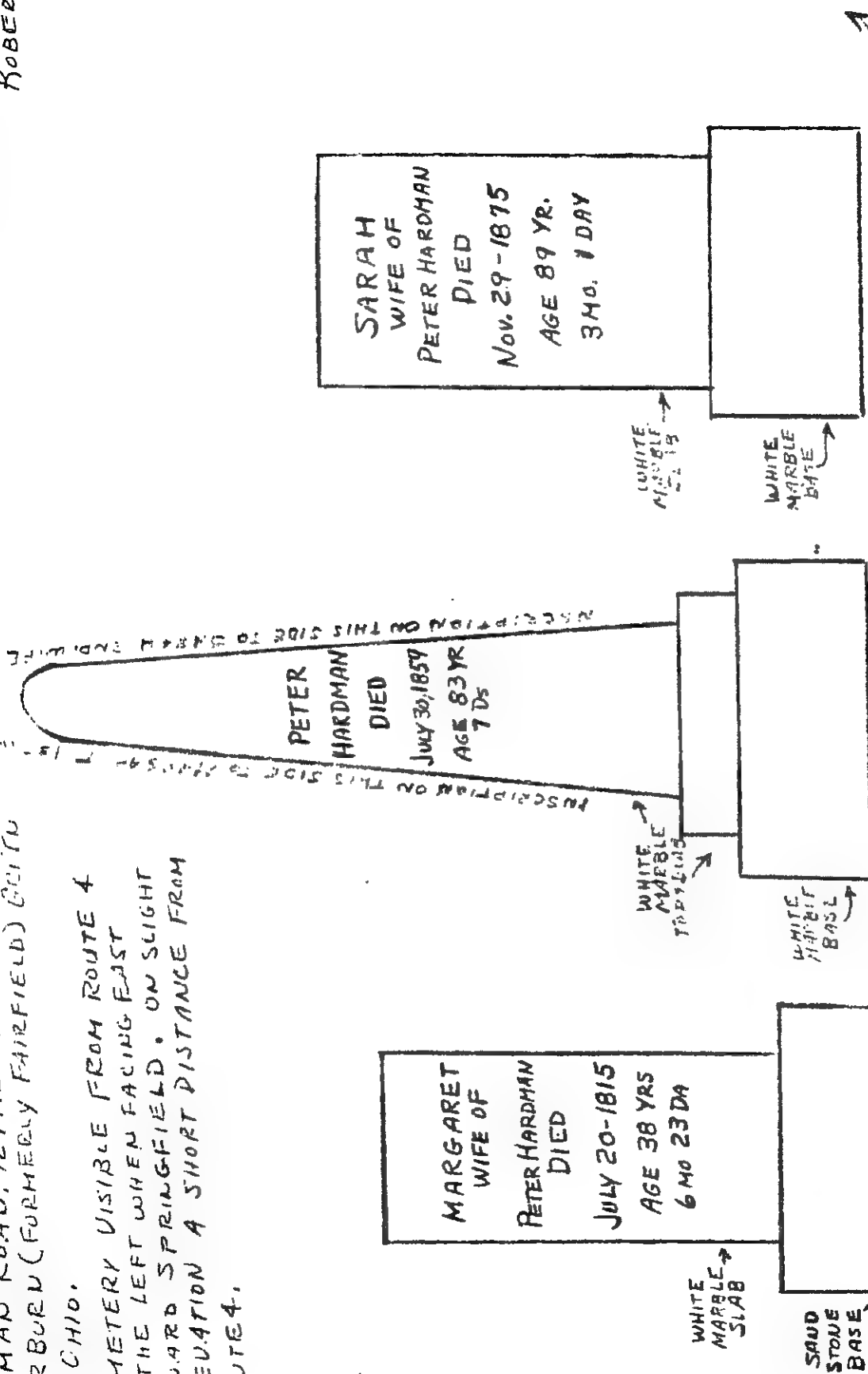
The Coshocton Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a seminar on the Scotch-Irish on 8 Sept 1984. Since many of the Hackers Creek families were of Scotch-Irish descent, the editor thought that some of our members, and especially those in Ohio, might be interested. The seminar will start at 9:00 am, break for lunch at 12 noon, and be over by 4:00 pm. The fee, including the buffet luncheon, is \$11.00 per person.

On the program are speakers about the Scotch and Irish, Scotch-Irish music, ideas on researching in Scotland and Ireland, etc. There will be displays and many people to share your ideas.

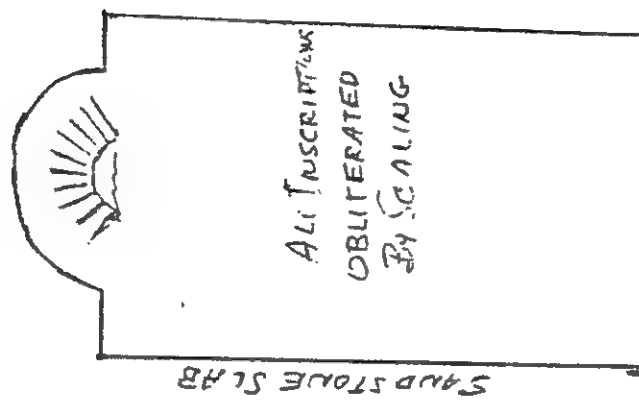
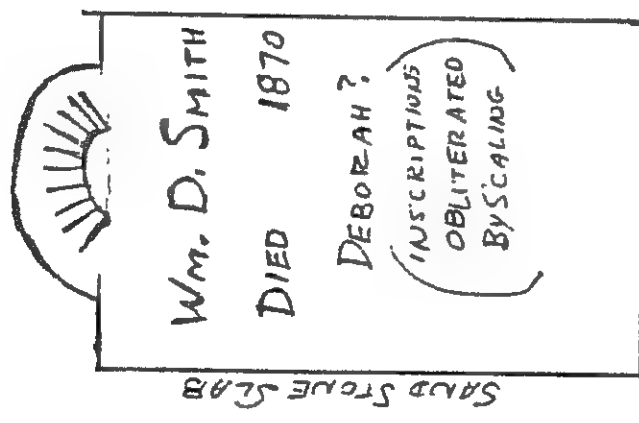
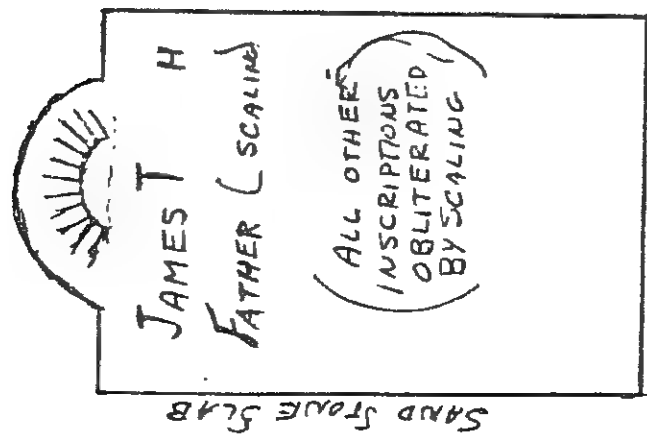
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MITMAN CEMETERY ON
MITMAN ROAD, 1/2 MILE NORTH OF
FAIRBURN (FORMERLY FAIRFIELD) GRANT
CO., OHIO.
CEMETERY VISIBLE FROM ROUTE 4
TO THE LEFT WHEN FACING EAST
TOWARD SPRINGFIELD. ON SLIGHT
ELEVATION A SHORT DISTANCE FROM
ROUTE 4.



MILITARY CEMETERY 1/2 MILE NORTH EAST OF FARGO, DEER COUNTY, MINN.
 FORMERLY (FAIRFIELD) SILENTLY SACRED FOR LOST AND
 DIRECTIONS



THIS COULD BE THE GRAVE OF
 OF LYDIA SMITH WIFE OF
 DAVID SMITH

THESE STONES ARE WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED A SMITH SECTION OF THIS CEMETERY. THERE ARE SEVERAL STONES, ALL FALLEN BUT OF SIMILAR DESIGN INDICATING THAT THEY ARE ALL OF SAME FAMILY CONNECTION.

MR. RICHARD SHAPE, TOWNSHIP CLERK COULD GIVE NO INFORMATION BUT MENTIONED A MRS. YOUNG WHO WAS A HARDMAN BEFORE MARRIAGE.

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HARMONY CHURCH CEMETERY

There are three separate "readings" of the Harmony Church Cemetery in the HCPD Library; in addition, there is the mention of several names in an article published by the "Weston Democrat" on 14 March 1984 in Bill Adler's "Yesteryear" column.

The Editor has chosen to publish all four lists so that the members can compare them for themselves. The first list below was abstracted by the Editor from the Adler column; the second list was copied by Hartzel G. Strader of Miamisburg, Ohio, in 1983 from Latter Day Saints Church Genealogical Library film No. 250209. The church had filmed the W.P.A. reading which was done in 1928. In 1982 just after the idea for HCPD was conceived, Betty Graybill and her mother read the cemetery again. The fourth list is the latest; taken by Richard W. Loudin and submitted by Doris Poinsett, it appears to be the most thorough.

Should you know of any persons who are buried in Harmony in an unmarked grave, please let Joy Gilchrist know.

ADLER COLUMN

Peter Waggoner, "the last surviving victim of Indian tragedy in northwestern Virginia, who died in 1879 at the ripe old age of 93 years."
William Cotrill, "who was born with the Declaration of Independence."
Elizabeth Bonnett, "wife of Samuel Bonnett. She died in October 1819 and was the first person buried in the old cemetery."
Martha Bonnett, "a daughter of Jesse Hughes, who suffered in Indian captivity, whose descendants are living in this valley, who was born before the Revolutionary War."
William Cookman, "the progenitor of the Cookman family in this state, English by birth and blood. . "
Elizabeth Cookman, "who was born 156 years ago (1919)."
Charlotte Hardman, "born 117 years ago, when George Washington was a lad only 18 years old."
George and Elizabeth Straley, "whose lives went far back of the French and Indian War."

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Harmony Church Cemetery

Located one mile east of Jane Lew, Lewis County, W.Va. on Berlin Rd. at Harmony Methodist Episcopal Church. Established 1811 or earlier as church-owned burial ground; extent 1 acre; no restrictions as to type and placing of markers; fenced; not landscaped; condition fair. Lots not marked; graves marked by monuments and hand-lettered stones; lots not for sale; no burial records kept; still in use as burial ground. Earliest stone dated 1811. Marked graves, 140, unmarked graves 30 or more. Copied by Hartzel G. Strader from Latter Day Saints Church Genealogical Library film No. 250,209. Filmed in Morgantown, W.Va. Inscriptions read 2 January 1938.

ALLMAN, Elias E. d. 8 Dec 1862, age 6y, s/o W.&M. ALLMAN
 ALLMAN, Elizabeth d. 8 Oct 1873 aged 60y4m24d w/o M.
 ALLMAN, George W. d. 16 Oct 1878 s/o w&M.J. aged 20y16d
 ALLMAN, Madison b. 12Jan 1810, d. 17 Nov 1894
 ALLMAN, Margaret d. 22 Jan 1858 aged 3y3m21d
 ALLMAN, Peter b. 24 Mar 1787, d. 13 Oct 1825
 ALLMAN, William b. 11 Nov 1821, d. 18 Oct 1897
 BALL, James b. 20 Apr 1861, d. 10 Apr 1920
 BARBEHUFF (2 infants) d. 11 Apr 1911
 BARBEHUFF, Holly d. 24 Jan 1938 aged 1y5m1d
 BARGEHOFF, Albert b. 27 Sept 1898, d. 15 Nov 1898 s/o L.I. & Addie
 BARNETT, Casander V. d. 22 Oct 1846 w/o Elias
 BARNETT, Elias T. b. 5 Dec 1884, d. 12 Feb 1930
 BONNETT, Elizabeth d. 15 Oct 1819 w/o Samuel
 BONNETT, Mansfield b. 5 Sept 1828, d. 12 July 1925
 BONNETT, Margaret d. Aug 1835 aged 3y3m21d
 BONNETT, Martha d. 12 Sept 1855 aged 77y7m7d w/o Samuel
 BONNETT, Martha Hews b. Dec 1773, d. Dec 1834 aged 61y w/o Jacob
 BONNETT, Samuel d. 25 Jan 1849 aged 78y9m21d Vet War 1812
 BOYLEN, Ruhl J. b. 30 Nov 1906, d. 24 May 1907 aged 6m24d s/o J.O.&V.
 CLEAVINGER, Irene b. 8 June 1900, d. 8 Aug 1900
 COBURN, Jonathan P. d. 29 Aug 1849 aged 2y9m25d s/o John
 COBURN, Mary Florence d. 31 Oct 1845 aged 7 months d/o J.&O.
 COOKMAN, Edgar A. b. 13 Mar 1851, d. 23 Apr 1918
 COOKMAN, Elizabeth b. 22 Nov 1763, d. 24 Sept 1847
 COOKMAN, George b. Feb 1790, d. 30 July 1850 aged 60y5m
 COOKMAN, Hannah b. 10 Sept 1833, d. 16 Mar 1838 aged 4y7m5d
 COOKMAN, Henrietta J. b. 17 July 1853, d. 11 Mar 1889 w/o E.A.
 COOKMAN, Henry R. d. 15 Sept 1850 aged 13y9m15d w/o S.E.&S.A.
 COOKMAN, Margaret d. 29 Oct 1840 aged 1y8m8d
 COOKMAN, Mary d. 1 Mar 1871 aged 79y2m25d
 COOKMAN, Matilda b. 13 Oct 1826, d. 17 Sept 1847
 COOKMAN, Parker B. b. 29 June 1814, d. 4 July 1892
 COOKMAN, Sarah b. 13 Mar 1813, d. 8 Jan 1885 w/o William
 COOKMAN, Sidney b. 1833, d. 17 Apr 1900
 COCKMAN, W.M. b. 19 Oct 1758, d. 8 Dec 1847
 COCKMAN, William E. b. 23 Mar 1838, d. 5 Nov 1847
 COTTERILL---- d. 11 Aug 1844 c of Samuel & Sarah
 COTTEHILL---- d. 17 Apr 1843 c of Samuel & Sarah
 COTTERILL, Virginia b. 14 Oct 1847, d. 13 Jan 1850 d/o S.&S.
 CURTIS, John W. d. 1 June 1871 s/o J.&E.

DOBSON, George d. 15 July 1828 aged 59y5m20d
 DOBSON, Mary d. 15 Nov 1811 w/o George
 DOBSON, Olive b. 17 July 1843, d. 18 Aug 1843 d/o G.W.&K.
 DRUMMOND, Ashly b. 1867, d. 1899
 DRUMMOND, Elcana b. 1832, d. 1910
 DRUMMOND, Jane A. b. 1847, d. 1917 w/o Elcana
 EVANS, Joseph d. 15 Nov 1872 s/o Dr. J.&E. aged 1m23d
 GARETT, Claudius d. 23 Mar 1878 s/o Lloyd & Mary
 GARETT, Mary b. 4 Jan 1849, d. 8 July 1892 w/o Lloyd
 GOODWIN, Earl d. 23 Jan 1880 aged 2y10m6d s/o J.J.&E.E.
 GOODWIN, Edith E. b. 8 Apr 1837, d. 23 Feb 1917 w/o Joseph
 GOODWIN, J. Joseph b. 11 July 1830, d. 1 Feb 1894
 GOODWIN, Jane M. b. 24 Apr, 1858, d. 14 Feb 1917
 GOODWIN, Olive H. b. 10 Apr 1871, d. 5 Feb 1927
 GOODWIN, Sarah d. 11 Dec 1880 aged 23y9m16d w/o G.W.
 GOODWIN, Sarah M. b. 23 Aug 1856, d. 16 Feb 1910
 GOODWIN, Zadok d. 23 Dec 1879 aged 7y6d s/o J.J.&EE
 HARDMAN, Charlotte d. Nov 1835 aged 87y
 HENLINE, Jonathan b. 14 Feb 1841, d. 20 Feb 1905
 HENLINE, Mary b. 19 Mar 1824, d. 18 Aug 1898
 HESS, Robert Ansel b. 25 Aug 1911, d. 25 Jan 1912 s/o G.H.&L.
 HOLBERT, Mary E. b. 11 May 1850, d. 19 Dec 1900
 HOLBERT, Pearly M. b. 23 Sept 1876, d. 1 July 1898 w/o A.B.
 LAW, George R. d. 14 Feb 1837 aged 9m28d
 LAW, Katherine d. 4 May 1843 age 30y9m23d
 LAW, Katherine Lucinda d. 12 Mar 1846 aged 12y2m8d
 LAW, Thomas d. 21 Nov 1839 aged 33y9m4d
 LEONARD, Dora M. d. 22 Aug 1936 aged 7y7m7d
 MAXON, Herman b. 1841, d. 1916 Vet Civ. War Co. C., 10th Reg. Inf. W.Va.
 MAXON, Nancy b. 1850, d. 19-- w/o Herman
 McCARTNEY, Alice L. b. 3 Apr 1866, d. 25 Apr 1913 w/o I.W.
 McCARTNEY, I.W. b. 23 Aug 1856 , d.----
 MITCHELL, Benoni b. 19 Feb 1815, d. 6 Nov 1902
 MITCHELL, Harriett d. 23 Mar 1904 w/o J.A. aged 50y
 MITCHELL, Rev. John b. 1763, d. 29 Apr 1840
 MITCHELL, Margaret d. 6 May 1853 aged 58y25d
 MITCHELL, Susannah d. Apr 1902 aged 83y w/o Benoni
 MOORE, Julia N. d. 18 Apr 1864 aged 29y1m21d w/o William
 NORMAN, George B. d. 31 Dec 1929 aged 85y
 NORMAN, Henry T. d. 18 Apr 1930 aged 72y4m
 PERINE, Jennie F. b. 28 June 1897, d. 22 June 1900 d/o W..&N.E.
 PIERSON, William G. d. 20 Sept 1864 aged 47y
 PROPST, Ednie b. 4 Oct 1910, d. 9 Aug 1911 d/o W.&B.
 RODGERS, William b. 18 Oct 1878, d. 18 Sept 1928
 SHINN, Ann b. 18 Dec 1810, d. 11 May 1844 aged 33y4m15d
 SHINN, Caroline b. 15 Feb 1841, d. 18 June 1842 age 1y4m3d
 SIMS, John d. 4 Feb 1856 aged 69y
 SIMS, Mary d. 27 Mar 1827 aged 35y3d
 SIMS, Sarah N. b. 24 Nov 1805, d. 4 June 1811 aged 6y
 SISTER, Elizabeth b. 2 Nov 1810, d. 9 Oct 1859 s/o William & Juliet
 SKIDMORE, Emile b. 24 Dec 1884, d. 11 Apr 1892 d/o H.&M.
 SKIDMORE, Hiram d. 4 Aug 1888 aged 60y3m10d
 SKIDMORE, Mary A. d. 1 Jan 1870 aged 47y w/o H.S.
 SKIDMORE, Samuel d. 17 Mar 1879 aged 15y1m1d s/o H.S. & M.
 SKIDMORE, Samuel A. d. 1 Nov 1878 aged 1y7d

SLEETH, Mary Jane d. 15 Dec 1840 aged 3y
 SLEETH, Nancy d. 17 Sept 1842 aged 35y
 SMITH, infant d. 28 Nov 1844 c/o D.H.&F.
 SNIDER, Cline b. 5 May 1901, d. 26 June 1901
 SNIDER, Winona A. b. 1875, d. 1917 w/o W.W.
 STALNAKER, Wayne K. b. 20 Mar 1901, d. 3 Sept 1906 s/o G.S.&D.M.
 STRALEY, Charles d. 9 Feb 1822
 STRALEY, Elizabeth b. 26 Nov 1851, d. 1 Dec 1918 w/o Joseph L.
 STRALEY, Elizabeth d. 19 Dec 1824 aged 52y
 STRALEY, Emmeline b. 14 June 1832, d. 8 Dec 1896 (colored)
 STRALEY, G.A. d. 14 July 1841
 STRALEY, Jane b. 4 July 1834, d. 8 Jan 1890
 STRALEY, Joseph d. 2 Mar 1854 aged 74y4m
 STRALEY, Joseph d. 10 Aug 1846 aged 3y1m11d
 STRALEY, Joseph L. b. 14 June 1836, d. 26 Feb 1898
 STRALEY, Joshua b. 14 Sept 1828, d. 14 June 1913
 STRALEY, Mary d. 10 Nov 1896 aged 93y8m w/o Joseph
 STRALEY, Samuel S. b. 4 Oct 1902, d. 3 Feb 1903 s/o Scott & O.R.
 STRALEY, Susan d. 14 Oct 1842 aged 1 y
 STRALEY, Thomas B. b. 25 Nov 1838, d. 25 June 1910
 SWISHER, Peter, d. 27 Sept 1830 aged 51y6m16d
 SWISHER, Susannah b. 1 Dec 1779, d. 3 Aug 1856 w/o Peter
 TRACY, John d. 17 May 1851 aged 88y
 VANHORN, Charles R. b. 25 June 1897, d. 5 Feb 1905 aged 7y7m10d s/o A.B.&N.
 WAGGONER, Alvin L. b. 1862, d. 1935
 WAGGONER, Catherine d. 2 Apr 1867 aged 83y w/o Peter
 WAGGONER, Elijah b. 10 Jan 1804, d. 31 May 1899
 WAGGONER, Frances b. 4 Sept 1832, d. 2 Apr 1895
 WAGGONER, Lewey d. 25 Aug 1878 aged 7y3m25d d/o M.G.&S.
 WAGGONER, Martin G. b. 3 July 1842, d. 20 Aug 1914 Vet Ctr. War Co.D 15th Reg.
 Inf. W.Va.
 WAGGONER, Mary b. 28 Dec 1804, d. 30 Aug 1882 w/o Elijah
 WAGGONER, Nancy b. 1879, d. 1920 d/o Martin & S.
 WAGGONER, Nancy Ann d. 19 June 1881 aged 62y7m11d w/o William
 WAGGONER, Peter d. 26 Mar 1879 aged 93y
 WAGGONER, Samuel B. b. 20 July 1828, d. 4 May 1911
 WAGGONER, Sarah J. b. 24 May 1849, d. ----- w/o Martin G.
 WAGGONER, Sherman d. 29 Aug 1878 age 11y10m1d s/o M.G.&S.
 WAGGONER, Susan Jane b. 1867, d. 1913
 WALKER, Sarha A. b. 3 Apr 1840, d. 16 Sept 1908
 WALKER, T.G. b. 1844, d. 1914
 WILSON, Claud b. 1 Jan 1882, d. 9 July 1924
 WILSON, Edna L. b. 19 Aug 1892, d. ----- w/o Claud
 WIMMER, Eliza b. 30 July 1842, d. 26 May 1882
 WIMMER, William S. d. 5 June 1867 aged 1y6m4d s/o A.&E.

HARMONY CHURCH CEMETERY

Read in May 1982 by Betty Graybill and her mother Mrs. Pete Wimer.

ALLMAN, Elizabeth, w/o M., d. 10/8/1873, ae 63y4m
ALLMAN, Madison, b. 1/12/1810, d. 11/12/1894
ALLMAN, Margaret, d. 1/22/1853, ae 34
ALLMAN, Peter, b. 3/4/1799, d. 10/18/1825
ALLMAN, William, b. 11/11/1821, d. 10/18/1897
BALL, James, b. 4/20/1861, 4/10/1920
BARGERHUFF, Albert, b. 9/27/1898, d. 11/15/1898
BARGERHUFF, Gert, b. 4/20/1883, d. 2/4/1949
BARGERHUFF, Harry H. Jr., s/o Harry & E. K., b. 8/20/1937, d. 1/24/1938
BARGERHUFF, Margaret, b. 1852, d. 1931
BARGERHUFF, Romeo, b. 10/13/1871, d. 1947
BARGERHUFF, Straley, b. 8/26/1906, d. 11/16/1906
BARNETT, Cassandra, 1845 - ?
BARNETT, Elias R., 1889 - 1943
BARNETT, Elias T., b. 12/5/1844, d. 2/12/1913
BARNETT, Orpha, 1888 - 1977
BENDER, Columbia A. Waggoner, 1859 - 1939
BONNETT, Elizabeth, d. 10/15/1819, w/o Samuel
BONNETT, Mansfield, b. 9/15/1826, d. 7/24/1898
BONNETT, Margaret, d. 8/1837, ae 3 years
BONNETT, Martha (dau. of Jesse Hughes), b. 1773, captured 1787-1790, m
m. Jacob Bonnett in 1792, d. 12/1834, ae 61
BONNETT, Martha, d. 9/12/1855, ae 77y7m7d
BONNETT, Parry, 1819-1920
BONNETT, Samuel, d. 1/25/1845, ae 78y9m
BOYLEN, Ruhl J., s/o J. D. & Victoria, 11/30/1906 - 5/24/1907
COBUN, Jonathan P., d. 8/29/1819, ae 2y9m
COOKMAN, Edgar A., b. 3/13/1851, d. 4/23/1918
COOKMAN, George, b. 2/1790, d. 7/30/1850
COOKMAN, George M., b. 5/2/1841, d. 4/6/1897
COOKMAN, Hannah, b. 9/10/1833, d. 5/16/1838
COOKMAN, Henrietta, b. 7/17/1853, d. 3/11/1889
COOKMAN, Henry R., b. 9/15/1850, s/o S.E. & L. A.
COOKMAN, Margaret Mitchell, d. 5/6/1853, ae 58y 25d
COOKMAN, Mary, 3/1/1871, 29y2m25d
COOKMAN, Matilda, b. 1826, d. 9/17/1847, d/o George & M.
COOKMAN, Parker B., b. 6/29/1814, d. 7/4/1892
COOKMAN, Sarah, b. 3/13/1813, d. 1/18/1885
COOKMAN, Sidney, b. 1838, d. 8/17/1900
COOKMAN, Verna, b. 6/7/1855, d. 12/16/1947
COTTRILL, Baby, b. 4/17/1863
COTTRILL, Virginia, b. 1/18/1850, d. at ae 2y2m
COTTRILL, William, d. 12/12/1825, ae 55y
CURTIS, Henry, 1870-1952
CURTIS, John, d. 6/1/1871, ae 38y
CURTIS, Lee, 1866 - 1932
DOBSON, George, d. 7/15/1828, ae 59y5m
DRUMMOND, Ashby, b. 1867, d. 1899
DRUMMOND, Elecana, b. 1910, d. 1932
DRUMMOND, Jane A., w/o ?, b. 1847, d. 1917
DRUMMOND, Wheeler, b. 1873, d. 1947
EVANS, Joseph, s/o Dr. J. & E. Evans, d. 11/15/1872, ae 11m23d

Harmony Church Cemetery (cont.)

GARRETT, Mary G., w/o Lloyd, b. 1849, d. 1892
GOODWIN, Earl, d. 1/23/1880, ae 2y10m
GOODWIN, Edith E., b. 4/8/1837, d. 2/23/1917
GOODWIN, George L., b. 9.9.1862, d. 12/17/1945
GOODWIN, Joseph J., b. 7/11/1830, d. 2/1/1894
GOODWIN, M. Jane, b. 4/24/1858, d. 2/14/1917
GOODWIN, Olive H., b. 4/10/1871, d. 2/5/1927
GOODWIN, Sarah, d. 2/11/1880, ae 28, w/o G. W., d/o S. E. & L. A. COOKMAN
GOODWIN, Sarah M., b. 8/29/1856, d. 2/16/1910
GOODWIN, Zollok, d. 12/23/1879, ae 7 y, s/o Joseph J. & Edith E.
HARDMAN, Charlotte, d. 1835, ae 87
HENLINE, Jonathan, b. 2/14/1841, d. 2/20/1905
HOLBERT, Abraham S., b. 1849, d. 1924
HOLBERT, Asa, b. 1870, d. 1952
HOLBERT, Byrd Straley, b. 3/22/1883, d. 6/9/1933
HOLBERT, Emma, 1874-1941
HOLBERT, Ira Lee, b. 4/12/1880, d. 3/11/1932
HOLBERT, Luther, 1868-19??
HENLINE, Mary, b. 3/19/1824, d. 8/18/1895
HOLBERT, Mary E., b. 1850, d. 1900
HOLBERT, Ralph Moore, b. 4/8/1915, d. 12/1/1933
LISTER, Corneliua, d. 1856, ae 42y
LISTER, Edwin L, s/o S. A. Lister, 2 days old
MAXON, Herman, b. 1849, d. 1916
MAXON, Nancy A., w/o Herman, 1850-1940
MC CARTHY, Alice L., b. 4/2/1866, d. 4/25/1913
MC CARTHY, I. W., b. 8/23/1856, d. 2/2/1933
MITCHELL, Benoni, b. 2/19/1815, d. 11/16/1902
MITCHELL, Benoni F., b. 11/14/1877, d. 6/13/1949
MITCHELL, Bert, 1879-
MITCHELL, Harriet A., w/o J. A., d. 3/23/1904, ae 50
MITCHELL, Monie S., 1886-1970
MITCHELL, Susannah, d. 4/1902, ae 83y
MOORE, Julia Ann, w/o Wm. Moore, d. 4/18/1864, ae 29y2d
PERRINE, Jeannie, b. 6/28/1897, d. 6/22/1900
PETRONE, Evelyn, b. 1921, d. 1954
PETRONE, Infant son, b. 1951, d. 1951
PIERSON, William G., d. 9/20/1864, ae 47
POSEY, Donald W., b. 7/15/1948, d. 7/21/1948
POSEY, John M., b. 6/28/1949
PROPST, Ednie R., d/o V. & B. I., b. 10/4/1910, d. 8/9/1911
RAMSBURG, Bertha, 1878-1932
ROGERS, Otis, 1915-1934
SCOTT, Bruce W., 1871-1929
SCOTT, Isidore, 1866-1936
SHINN, Ann, b. 12/18/1810, d. 5/11/1844
SIMS, John, d. 2/4/1856, ae 69
SIMS, Mary, d. 3/27/1827, ae 35y3d
SKIDMORE, Emile, d/o H. & M., b. 12/25/1884, d. 4/11/1892

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SKIDMORE, Hiram, d. 4/4/1888, ae 60y3m10d, Co. I 2nd W. Va. Infantry (Civil War)
SKIDMORE, Margaret R., w/o Hiram, 1856-1930
SKIDMORE, Mary A., d. 1870 (6?), ae 47y
SKIDMORE, Samuel, d. 3/17/1913, ae 15y12d, s/o Hiram & Mary
SLEETH, Mrs. Nancy, consort of D. W. SLEETH, d. 9/17/1842, ae 35 y
STRALEY, Elizabeth, d. 1824, ae 52, w/o George
STRALEY, Elizabeth J., b. 11/26/1851, d. 12/1/1918
STRALEY, Emeline, b. 6/14/1832, d. 12/8/1896
STRALEY, G. A., b. 7/14/1841, d. 4/9/1921
STRALEY, Jane, b. 7/4/1834, d. 1/8/1890
STRALEY, Joseph, d. 3/2/1854, 74y4m
STRALEY, Joseph, d. 8/10/1846, ae 3??
STRALEY, Joseph L., b. 6/14/1836, d. 2/26/1898
STRALEY, Joshua, b. 9/14/1828, d. 6/14/1913, ae 84y9m
STRALEY, Katherine, d. 10/14/1842, ae 1y4m
STRALEY, M., d. 11/10/1896, ae 93y8m
STRALEY, Samuel S., b. 10/4/1902, d. 12/3/1908, s/o Scott & D.R.
STRALEY, Thomas B., b. 11/25/1838, d. 6/25/1910, ae 71y7m
SWISHER, Peter, d. 9/27/1830, ae 51y6m
SWISHER, Susannah, b. 12/1/1779, d. 8/3/1856
TRACY, John, d. 5/12/1851, ae 88y
VANHORN, Asa B., 1853-1914
VANHORN, Charles R., b. 6/25/1897, d. 2/4/1905
VANHORN, Nora V., 1864-1926
WAGGONER, Alvin, b. 1882, d. 1945
WAGGONER, Alvin L, 1862-1935
WAGGONER, Carrie L., 1891-1941
WAGGONER, Catherine, b. 2/26/1784, d. 4/2/1867
WAGGONER, Elijah, b. 1/10/1804, d. 5/31/1899
WAGGONER, Emma C., 1855-1942
WAGGONER, Eva B., 1885-19??
WAGGONER, John C., 1843-1936
WAGGONER, John H. 1864-1950
WAGGONER, Lewis, d. 8/25/1878, ae 7y3m, s/o M.J. & S.
WAGGONER, Martin G., b. 7/3/1842, d. 8/20/1914
WAGGONER, Nancy N., 1879-1920, d/o Sarah & Martin
WAGGONER, Nancy Ann, d. 6/19/1881, 62y 7m, w/o William
WAGGONER, Peter, b. 3/13/1787, d. 3/26/1879
WAGGONER, Samuel B., b. 7/20/1828, d. 5/4/1911
WAGGONER, Samuel C., 1869-1940
WAGGONER, Sarah E., 1872-1949
WAGGONER, Sarah J., d. 5/24/1849
WAGGONER, Sherman D., d. 8/23/1878
WAGGONER, Susan Jane, 1867-1933
WALKER, Sarah A., b. 4/3/1840, d. 12/16/1908
WALKER, T. G. 1844-1914
WILSON, Claude, b. 1/1/1882, d. 7/9/1904
WILSON, Edna L, w/o Claude, 1892-1975
WIMER, Eliza, b. 7/30/1840, d. 5/26/1892
WIMER, Upton, s/o A. & E., d. 8/17/1882, 6m
WIMER, William S., s/o A. & E., d. 6/5/1867, 1y

HARMONY METHODIST CHURCH

ESTABLISHED 1819

Present church is near the highway. There is a bronze marker in the front right side of the cemetery on the hill above and to the right of the present church.

The bronze marker reads as follows:

Site Of Old Harmony Church
Built in 1819

Recognized as The Mother Church
of Methodist Protestantism in W. Va.
But Built and Dedicated As A
Methodist Episcopal Church

Erected by Trans-Allegheny
Chapter - Daughters Of The
American Revolution and
Descendants of Pioneer
Worshippers Of The Church.

Read by Richard W. Loudin and submitted to HCJ with his permission by
Doris Poinsett. Corrections by Doris Poinsett.

Madison Allman	January 12, 1810 - November 12, 1894
Elizabeth Allman	Died Oct. 8, 1873 Age 61, 4 Mo. 24 days
William Allman	November 11, 1821 - October 18, 1897
Margaret Allman wife	Died June 22, 1859 - Aged 34 Years
Peter Allman	March 24, 1789 - Oct. 13, 1825
James Ball	April 20, 1861 - April 10, 1920
Margaret E. Bargerhuff	1852 - 1931
Romeo O. Bargerhuff	Oct. 13, 1871 - April 14, 1947
Gertrude D. Bargerhuff	Apr. 20, 1883 - Feb. 4, 1949
Two infant children of the above Born and Died April 1911	
Harry Howe Bargerhuff, Jr. son of H. H. & E. K. Bargerhuff	
	Aug. 20, 1937 - Jan. 24, 1938
Children of L. I. & Addie Bargerhuff:	
Straley Bargerhuff	,Aug. 26, 1906 - Nov. 16, 1906 Aged 2 Mo. 20 Days
Albert Bargerhuff	Sept. 27, 1898 - Nov. 15, 1898 Aged 1 Mo. 21 Days
Linden D. Bailey	June 23, 1958 - July 27, 1981
Carolyn A. Bailey	March 21, 1950 - _____
Elias T. Barnett	Dec. 5, 1844 - Feb. 12, 1913
Casander W Barnett wife	Oct. 22, 1845 - No date
Elias R. Barnett	1889 - 1943
Orpha L. Barnett	1888 - 1977
Samuel Bonnett	Died January 25, ¹⁸⁴⁹ 1819 ^{Age 18} 9 Mo 21 D
Martha Bonnett his wife	Died Sept. 12, 1855 Age 77 Years, 7 Mo - 7 days
Elizabeth Bonnett consort of Samuel Bonnett Died October 15, 1819	
"For the spirits fled to God, she was the first inter'd in this graveyard"	
Perry Green Bonnett	Oct. 20, 1819 - Feb. 9, 1820
Mansfield Bonnett	Sept 5, 1826 - July 24, 1828
"In memory of Margaret Bonnett who died Aug. 1837 - Aged 3 Y, 3 Mo.	
This monument erected in memory of Martha daughter of Jesse News, who was born December 1775 made prosener of indians Dec. 1787, returned from captivity 1790, married to Jacob Bonnett 1792 - Died Dec. 1854 - Age 61 Years.	
(Note: Birth date subtracted from death date doesn't compute to 61 years)	
Euhl J. son of J. D. & Victoria Foylen Nov. 30, 1906	
Irene Cleavenrser	June 8, 1900 - August 8, 1900
Jonathan F. Cocun	Died Aug. 29, 1819 Age 2 Years 9 Months 25 days.
John F. Clem	1879 - 1935
Viola V. Clem	1882 - 1946
Robert Conley	1902 - 1974
Katherine Conlev.	1910 - - -

Edgar A. Cookman March 13, 1851 - April 23, 1918
 Henryetta Cookman his wife July 17, 1858 - March 11, 1889

Parker B. Cookman June 29, 1814 - July 4, 1892
 Sarah (Post) Cookman March 13, 1813 - Jan. 8, 1885
 Sarah dau of Martin Sr. & Sarah Post Married 02-19-1836 Bk. #2 Page 14 Lewis County

Sidney Cookman 1838 - April 17, 1900

**Verna Cookman June 7, 1855 - Feb. 16, 1947

**In memory of Hannah Cookman Sept 10, 1833 - May 16, 1838 Aged 4 Years.

** " " " Cookman, dau of _____ Cookman (can't read)

** Four matching monuments consisting of the above Cookmans, plus Peter Allman in alphabetical order on first page of this cemetery listing.

Mary Cookman Died March 1, 1871 Aged 79 Y, 2 M, 25 Days.

George Cookman February 1790 - July 30, 1850 Age 60 Y 5 Mo.

Henry R. Cookman, son of S. E. & L. A. Cookman
 Died September 15, 1859 - Aged 8 Years, 9 Months

Sarah Cookman, wife of G. W. Cookman and dau of S. E. & L. A. Cookman
 Died Dec. 11, 1880, Aged 28 Y, 9 M, 16 Days

Beginning of 4 Matching Sandstone Monuments:

In memory of Va. V. Cottrell, dau. of Samuel R. & Sarahann Cottrill
 June 13, 1850 Aged 12 Years, 2 Months

Infant of Samuel R. & Sarahann Cotterill, Born April 17th. 1843

William Cottrail Died 12th. Dec. 1825 Aged 55 Years.

Blank Sandstone (Probably froze & burst lettering off.)

Lee Curtis	1866	1932
Henry Curtis	1870	1952

John W., son of J. & E. Curtis Died June 1, 1871 in his 38th. year.

George Dobson Died July 15, 1828 Aged 52 Y, 5 Mon. 20 Days

Olive Dobson Daughter of George July 17, 1843 - August 16, 1843

Elcana Drummond	1832	1910
Jane A. Drummond his wife	1847	1917
Ashby Drummond	1867	1899
Wheeler Drummond	1873	1947

Joseph Evans son of Dr. J. & E Evans, Died November 15, 1872 Age 1 Mo, 23 Days

George L. Goodwin	Sept. 9, 1862	Dec. 17, 1945
Olive H. Goodwin	April 10, 1871	Feb. 5, 1927
M. Jane Goodwin	April 24, 1858	Feb. 14, 1917
Sarah Goodwin	Aug. 29, 1856	Feb. 16, 1910
Joseph J. Goodwin	July 11, 1830	Feb. 1, 1894
Edith Goodwin his wife	April 6, 1837	Feb. 23, 1917
Earl Goodwin	Died Jan. 23, 1880 Aged 2 Y, 10 M. 6 D.	
Zadok Goodwin	Died Dec. 23, 1879 Aged 7 Y, 6 Days	
Charlotte Hardman who died Nov. 1835 - Aged 87 Years.		
Mary Henline	March 19, 1824	Aug. 18, 1899
Johnathan N. Henline	Feb. 14, 1841	Feb. 20, 1905
Ralph Moore Holbert	April 8, 1915	Dec. 1, 1933
Byrd Straley Holbert	March 22, 1883	June 9, 1933
Ira Lee Holbert	April 12, 1880	March 11, 1932
Luther C. Holbert	1868	19
Emma Holbert his wife	1874	1941
Ruby Marie Holbert	Born & died 1906	
Abraham S. Holbert	1849	1924
Mary E. Holbert	1850	1900
Asa Holbert	1870	1952
Cornelius Lister	Died 1956 Age 42	
Dora Margaret Leonard	1929	1936
Clyde Leonard	1902	
Hazel Thompson Leonard his wife	1905	1961
Herman Maxon	1849	1916 (Civil War)
Nancy A. Maxon his wife	1850	1940
I. W. McCartney	August 23, 1856	Feb. 22, 1933
Alice L. McCartney	April 3, 1866	Apr. 25, 1913
Margaret Mitchel	Died May 6, 1853 Age 58 Years 25 Days	
Benoni Mitchell	Feb. 19, 1815	Nov. 16, 1902
Benoni F. Mitchel	Co. I, 2nd W. Va. Inf. Spanish American War	
	Born Nov. 4, 1877 - Died June 13, 1949	
Monie S. Mitchell (Mother)	1886	1970
Bert E. Mitchell	1879	
Julia Ann wife of William Moore, Died Aug. 18, 1864 - Aged 29 Years		

Jennie F. dau of W. L. & N. E. Ferine
June 28, 1897 June 22, 1900

William G. Pierson Died Sept. 20, 1864 - Age 47 Years

Michael Petrone Infant Son 1951- 1951
Evelyn Petrone dau. 1921 1954

John M. Posey June 28, 1949
Donald W. Posey July 15, 1948 July 21, 1948

Ednie P. dau of V. & B. I. Probst
Oct. 4, 1910 Aug. 9, 1911

Bertha Pearl Ramsburg 1878 1932

Otie Rogers (brother) 1915 1934
Gay Rogers (mother) 1883 1967
William Rogers Oct. 18, 1878 Sept 13, 1928

Joshua Straley Sept 14, 1828 June 14, 1913 Age 84 Y, 9 Months
Thomas B. Straley Nov. 25, 1838 June 25, 1910 Age 81 Y, 7 Months
G. A. Straley July 14, 1841 Apr. 9, 1921

Note: The following 6 names on one stone. 2 Names on each of 3 sides.

Joseph Straley Died March 2, 1854 Age 74 Years 4 Months
Mary Straley (his wife) Died Nov. 10, 1896 Age 93 Years 8 Months

Joseph L. Straley June 14, 1836 Feb. 26, 1898
Elizabeth J. Straley (wife) Nov. 26, 1851 Dec. 1, 1918

June Straley July 4, 1834 Jan. 8, 1890
Emeline Straley June 14, 1832 Dec. 8, 1896

Bruce Scott 1871 1929
Isidore Scott 1866 1936

Viola Settles 1918 1943

Ann Shinn Dec. 18, 1810 May 11, 1844 Age 33Y, 4 Mo. 15 Days

Mary Sims Died March 27, 1827 Aged 35 Years, 3 Days

Cloty Fay Snyder Apr. 6, 1900 Oct. 28, 1966 Corporal Medical
Department W1

John Suttle 1855 1903
Olive M. Suttle 1858 1931

Peter Swisher Died Sept. 27, 1830 Age 51 Y, 6 Mo. 16 Days
Susannah Swisher his wife Dec. 1, 1779 Aug. 3, 1856 Age 76 Y, 6 Mo. 3 Days

Samuel S. son of Scott & C. R. Straley Oct. 4, 1908 - Feb. 3, 1909

In memory of Nancy Sleeth consort of D. W. Sleeth Died Sept. 17, 1842 Age 35 Years.

Katherine Straley Died 14th Oct. 1842 Age 1 Yr, 1 Mo. 14 Da.

Joseph Straley Died Aug. 10, 1846 Age 3 Yr, 1 Mo. 11 Days

Margaret R. Wife of Hiram Skidmore 1856 - 1930

Emilie A. Skidmore dau of H. & M. Skidmore Dec. 25, 1884 - April 11, 1892

Hiram Skidmore Died April 4, 1888 Aged 60 Yrs, 3 Mo. 10 Days

John Tracey Died May 17, 1851 - Aged 88 Years

William Thompson 1878 1965

Iva V. Thompson 1885 1962

Carolyn B. Van Court 1914 1976

Lawrence C. Van Court, Sr. 1908 - -

Nora V. VanHorn 1864 1926

Asa B. VanHorn 1853 1914

Charles R. VanHorn June 25, 1897 - Feb. 5. 1905

Samuel C. Waggoner 1869 1910

Eva B. Waggoner 1885 - -

John H. Waggoner 1864 1950

Sarah E. Waggoner 1872 1949

Alvin L. Waggoner 1862 1935

Susan Jane Waggoner 1867 1933

Samuel B. Waggoner July 20, 1828 - May 4, 1911

Frances C. Waggoner Sept 4, 1832 - April 2, 1895

Columbia A. Waggoner Bender 1859 1939

**Peter Waggoner March 13, 1787 - March 26, 1879

Catherine Waggoner Feb. 26, 1784 - April 2, 1867

Elijah Waggoner Jan. 10, 1804 - May 31, 1899

Mary wife of Elijah Waggoner (Can't Read)

Carrie L. Waggoner 1891 1941

Alvin Waggoner 1882 1945

** He was abducted by Shawnee Indians when five years of age and lived with them for 20 years. Mark the perfect man & Behold the upright For the end of that man is peace. Great Loves Live On. Erected by their descendents and friends.

Sarah A. Walker April 3, 1840 Dec. 16, 1908

T. G. Walker 1844 1914

John C. Waggoner 1843 1936

Emma C. Waggoner 1855 1942

Nancy Ann Waggoner wife of William Waggoner Died June 19, 1881, Age 61 Y, 7M 11 Day

Nancy M. Waggoner dau of Martin G. & Sarah J. 1879 = 1920

Lewey Waggoner " " " " " " Died Aug. 25, 1873, Age 7 Y, 3 M. 25 D

Sherman Waggoner Son " " " " " " Died Aug. 29, 1878 Age 11 Y, 10 M 1 D.

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Martin G. Waggoner	July 3, 1842 - Aug 20, 1914 Age 72 1 M 17 Days Private Co. "D" 15th Regiment W. Va. Infantry
Sarah J. Waggoner his wife	May 24, 1849 - _____
Farah B. Wilfong (mother)	Feb. 25, 1917 - Feb 20, 1980
Gerrald T. Wilfong	1946 1977
Private U. S. Army - Vietman	

ROCKFORD METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

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Present Owner Rockford M.P. Church Date of Registry 3/27/1983
 Location Rockford (Harrison Co.) W.Va. Reading Back to Front

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
White	Zachariah	1851	1930		
"	Elizabeth J.	1852	1910		
"	Lora Ann	1877	1970		
"	George E.	1886	1960		
Holbert	D. Arnette	1882	1958		
	(White)				
Groves	Samuel K.	1870	1915		
"	Margaret A.	1881	1945		
"	Howard		10/15/1955	46y10m5d	
Bevan	William H.	1852	1915		W/o William H.
"	Esther J.	1852	1916		S/o Boyd & Carrie
Garland	Harmen E.	7/4/1911	4/23/1914		
Olevenger	Alice Kathryn	1913	1913		
Knisley	Thomas J.	1849	1912		W/o Thomas J.
"	Alice V.	1349	1912		W/o Noah W.
Stout	Matilda B.	3/11/1819	11/16/1898		
"	Noah W.	4/13/1815	2/27/1902		
Romine	Mary A.	5/9/1851	3/18/1898		
Knisley	E.D.	1846	1923		W/o E.D.
"	Susan M. (Stout)	1848	1920		S/o B.D. & E.M.
Strader	Robert Lee	1933	1934		
Fesler	Hayward H.	12/5/1879	10/9/1934		
"	Cora B.	1/1/1880	5/30/1964		
Alkire	Robert	10/22/1939	9/30/1960		
Quickle	Gracie B.	1/7/1910	1/6/1936		
"	Roxie	1889	1962		W/o Fletcher
"	Fletcher	1876	1951		

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Quickle	Fletcher J.	12/4/1929	11/13/1972		
"	Dee D.	1929			W/O Paul D.
"	Paul D.	1932	1977		Pvt. U.S.Army (Korea)
"	Jewell L.	1919			W/O Okey C.
"	Okey C.	1912	1981		
"	Joe	11/18/1912	1/12/1981		
Thomas	Anna R.	1874	1945		W/O Thomas
"	Thomas	1867	1945		
"	Edwin C.	5/30/1909	4/7/1950		Cpl. 2500 A.F. Base C.P. W.W.II
Walson	Arthelia May	1887	1949		
McCormick	Franklin R.		6/28/1950		
"	Charles R.		6/28/1950		Twins
Burrows	Dallas J.	1904	1961		
"	Ella Marie	1963	1965		
"	Susan M.	1963	1970		Sisters
"	Patricia A.	1962	1970		
Johnston	Ina I.	1881	1968		
Lister	Parthena R.	1913			
"	Roy B.	1896	1966		
"	Ella N.	1893	1961		W/O Roy B.
"	Mollie M.	1871	1958		W/O Oliver
"	Oliver	1872	1948		
Dawson	Rachel E.	2/8/1893	9/8/1960		W/O W. Haymond
"	W. Haymond	4/5/1891			Married 4/20/1921
"	Susan Scdora	1895	1920		
"	Davis W.	1851	1928		
"	Susan	1855	1930		W/O Davis W.

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Conley	Emma E.	1861	19--		W/O W. J.
"	W. J.	1862	1933		
Romine	J. D.	1/7/1825	4/9/1898		W/O J. D.
"	Susan	7/10/1828	1/30/1911		
Waugh	Margaret	7/15/1821	7/7/1903		
Brandli	George	1904	1976		W/O George
"	Madge L.	1906	1974		W/O Perry
Sandy	Madge	1885	1979		
"	Perry	1879	1942		
"	Mildred A.	11/3/1914	10/21/1915		D/O P.L. & M.A.
"	Margaret C.	11/10/1844	4/30/1925		W/O William
Brown	Libbie A.	1873	1953		W/O Lloyd H.
"	Lloyd H.	1865	1926		
Lewis	Mollie (Boyles)	4/9/1870	2/22/1943		Sister of Mollie
Boyles	Minnie	9/16/1856	11/24/1933		
Cookman	Adam G.	1866	1916		W/O George W.
"	Melvina E.	3/15/1863	6/25/1966		
"	George W.	1860	1927		
"	Adam D.	8/2/1821	4/22/1908		W/O Adam D.
"	Alcinda	4/3/1832	12/6/1896		
Smith	Cookman	1884	1959		W/O Cookman
"	Hattie E.	1889	1949		
"	Major T.	1848	1927		W/O Major T.
"	Amanda E.	1858	1934		D/O C. & H.
"	Virginia Laura	11/11/1912	3/25/1973		
Allman	Francis William	5/8/1915	6/17/1974		

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Vincent	Sarah F.	1871	1955		W/O Rev. Joseph I.
"	Rev. Joseph I.	1856	1941		
"	Harold N.	1931	1931		
Gregory	Ethel I.	6/11/1906	2/24/1976		
"	Allen S.	5/5/1896			
Miles	Cecelia D.	1852	1912		W/O Thomas H.
"	Robert M.	1907	1975		
Allman	Laura V.	1915	1973		In Memory of Lt. Jimmie
"	Jimmie	1920	1945		
"	Elizabeth	1883	1964		
"	Martin P.	1864	1924		
"	Mary Bond	1867	1899		W/O Martin P.
"	Kenneth M.	1908	1909		
"	Leslie B.	1886	1954		
"	Annie M.	9/4/1882	11/12/1934		W/O Orion Francis
"	Orion Francis	4/7/1874	11/29/1943		
"	James Madison	2/16/1868	1/9/1944		
Palmer	Lucy	1897	1979		W/O William J.
"	William J.	1900	1974		
Reed	Polly	1869	1940		W/O Felix
"	Felix	1867	1953		
Allman	Peter T.	10/10/1829	3/27/1913		W/O Peter T.
"	Mary	2/21/1832	4/4/1908		
Swisher	Guy L.	1882	1935		
"	Aurra	1891	1974		W/O Guy L.
"	Burgett	9/21/1852	6/1/1926		

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Swisher	Ida Maude	11/24/1859	10/8/1945		W/O Burgett
"	Burgett Jr.	7/31/1895			S/O Burgett & Ida M.
"	Jamima A.	1/13/1897	4/21/1973		W/O Burgett Jr.
"	Infant of		1921		Wilson & Edna
"	W. Ray	1900	1965		
"	Emma B.	1872	1950		W/O I. Marion
"	I. Marion	1869	1955		
Bond	Dr. O.T.	1843	1913		
"	Sarah O.	1848	19--		W/O Dr. O.T.
Wilson	Olive (Bond)		11/25/1928		
Bond	Lawrence B. M.D.	11/27/1871	12/6/1905		
"	Harry L.	3/29/1896	2/2/1906		
Stout	Amanda	1822	1908		
"	T.J.	1858	1917		
"	Sarah L.	1861	1912		W/O T.J.
Swisher	Nevada	1878	1903		W/O G.W.
Crimm	George H.	1/27/1929	5/4/1930		
Snyder	Laura M.	1872	1912		
"	Rev. G.H.	1870	1944		Masonic Emb.
"	Della F.	1880	1917		
Varner	Carl S.	5/25/1886	7/4/1899		
Snyder	Aubrey J.	9/13/1889	11/28/1903		
Talbot	Bernice	1891	1982		W/O Dorsey B.
"	Dorsey B.	1883	1962		
"	Dorthea June		1926		D/O Dorsey & Bernice
Blake	George	1887	1909		

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Blake	William S.	1861	1940		W/O William S.
"	Emma L.	1860	1915		
"	H. Frank	1897	1983		W/O Charles C.
"	Pauline	1897	19--		
"	Charles C.	1894	1977		W/O Gordon E.
Post	Blinda B.	1859	1945		
"	Gordon E.	1859	1936		
"	Archie	1883	1934		W/O Archie
"	Freda N.	1886	1959		Sisters
McGowen	Henrietta G.	1880	1947		
Romine	Laura J.	1870	1959		
Holbert	Annie E.	1860	1934		
Young	Truman J.	1887	1941		W/O Truman J.
"	Bertie E.	1888	1972		W/O Brainard S.
"	Jennie F.	1867	1958		
"	Brainard S.	1861	1939		
Bishop	Lenore G.	1893	1970		
"	Isabelle R.	1863	1936		W/O Iden C.
"	Iden C.	1855	1930		
"	Denver T.	1895	1975		
Dean	Homer H.	1882	1941		W/O Homer H.
"	Nellie B.	1886	1953		
Blake	Edward	11/29/1882	12/2/1903		W/O L. Dow
"	Ruhamma A.	1859	1947		
"	L. Dow	1850	1925		
"	Mary Ann	1930	1934		D/O H.F. & I.M.
Prince	Stella (Randolph)	1888	1966		Widow of C.I.

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Randolph	Charles I.	1892	1930		W/O William M.
Talbott	Alcinda A.	1852	1929		
"	William M.	1852	1933		
Law	Betsey	1894	1959		W/O Edison
"	Edison	1890	1979		
Jett	James E.	12/8/1845	9/10/1901		
"	Drusilla M.	5/11/1849	1/1/1925		
"	George L.	1875	1929		
Isherwood	Norman	1913	1983		
Lewis	John W.	1850	1930		
"	Sarah	1856	1930		W/O John W.
"	Opal R.	1900	1962		W/O C. Ross
"	C. Ross	1897	19--		
"	Ocie T.	1896	1971		W/O Alvin C.
"	Alvin C.	1890	1969		
Mills	Eugenia F.	1900	1979		W/O Orlie G.
"	Orlie G.	1896	19--		
Blake	Margaret Alice	1/6/1874	9/24/1962		W/O Lee
"	Lee	1/5/1865	11/24/1950		
"	L. Virginia	8/28/1898			
Plot	?				
M.E.G.	--	--	--		
Bishop	Marce W.	11/9/1888	3/2/1904		
"	Samuel M.	9/4/1891	5/9/1901		
"	Edward	1882	1882		S/O M. & I.R.
Wolfe	William W.	8/18/1846	5/3/1918		
"	Genevieve (Bishop)	4/3/1850	3/16/1896		W/O William W.

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Bishop	Samuel	1807	1884		w/o Samuel
"	Sarah	1825	1914		S/o Samuel & Sarah
"	Wyatt	1866	1925		S/o W.W. & A.G.
Wolfe	Warden E.	11/11/1866	9/19/1898		" " " "
"	Samuel A.	8/8/1870	9/19/1898		w/o G.S.
Gribble	Mary E.	3/16/1833	10/17/1895		w/o Rev. M.L.
Barnett	Eliza M.	4/7/1836	6/5/1894		D/o " " "
"	Mollie E.		10/14/1879	2y10m5d	
"	Rev. M. L.	4/6/1837	11/1/1892		
Rymer	William Henry	4/9/1851	3/19/1881		S/o Wm. & R.C.
"	William		7/3/1882	50y8m17d	
Davis	Ruby	9/9/1895	10/12/1896		D/o D. & M.
"	Margaret S.		10/12/1881	42nd. Yr.	w/o Dennis
L.M.G.	--	--	--		
Golden	Sallie B.	2/2/1870	4/4/1890		D/o F.M. & Conna
Shinn	Margaret (Conley)	12/4/1843	9/7/1917		
Conley	Luke W.	3/2/1833	10/4/1883	50y7m2d	
"	Warren		8/25/1879	4y1m10d	S/o L.M. & M.B.
"	Charles M.		9/10/1879	7y6m20d	" " " "
Davis	Minnie A.		9/27/1879	2y4m2d	D/o Dolph
Tites	Henrietta C.		7/18/1876	26 Yr.	
Stone	not legible				
Dawson	Eliza J.		11/13/1843		w/o Sylvester
"	Sylvester	1/1/1823	9/24/1896		
Benson	Charlie		4/10/1877	7y3m25d	S/o J.S. & M.
Dawson	Clara Jane		5/8/1873	1y18d	D/o S. & J.
Benson	Minnie		10/23/1872	2y3d	D/o J.S. & M.

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Grose	Arlice Ruth	8/1/1911	9/28/1878		W/O W. Corder
"	W. Corder	4/18/1907			
Mount	Viola	1867	1930		W/O Floyd
"	Floyd	1861	1938		
Dawson	Josiah L.		9/22/1872	6y6ml8d	S/O J. & N.A.
"	Nancy A.	9/6/1830	4/10/1906		
Stout	Rebecca		7/1/1877	85y5m28d	W/O Abner
not legible	not legible		9/4/1872	29y2mld	
Pringle	A.C.	1/1/1879	10/28/1908		
"	Harold G.	5/15/1908	2/4/1970		
Stone	no markings				
"	"				
Dawson	Kassandy	10/29/1832	3/7/1887	48y10ml4d	D/O John & S.
"	Elizabeth		1/14/1882		"
"	Flora H.		10/4/1861	11ml3d	"
"	Harriet E.		11/17/1861	12y3m7d	"
"	Josiah		4/9/1862	12th. Yr.	"
"	John		1/21/1871	81st. Yr.	
"	Susannah		11/16/1877	83rd. Yr.	W/O John
Swisher	Owen T.		7/27/1862	13y7m8d	S/O O.T. & E.
Windle	Mary C.		8/26/1861	1y10m4d	D/O R.H. & R.V.
Swisher	Eunice		3/10/1874	49y1m4d	W/O Owen
"	Orlando F.		7/15/1865	2y10ml2d	S/O L.D. & E.
"	O.T.	5/11/1826	2/10/1889		
"	Stephen C.	1853	1929		
"	Ruth Ann	1850	1934		
"	Simonton		5/17/1863	22y9ml7d	

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Swisher	L.D.	1827	1891		W/O L.D.
"	Emily	1829	1913	24y6m7d	W/O L.D.
"	Louisa		11/14/1853	ly29d	S/O P.T. & M. SFS 1827-1913
llman	Christopher C.	4/11/1792	11/30/1862	87y7m28d	PETER T. 1827-1913
lake	William		1/7/1880	94th. Yr.	W/O William
"	Elizabeth		1/5/1892	19y7m6d	S/O Wm. & E.
"	Lewis D.		1/23/1854	" "	" "
"	Granville G.		2/5/1839	8y9m18d	" "
Stone	No Markings				
"	"				
"	"				
"	"				
"	"				
"	"				
"	"				
ond	Guy		10/20/1876	2m25d	S/O S. & A.A.
"	Carl		9/24/1872	2m19d	" " "
wisher	J. Lee	1862	1928		
"	Burl	4/9/1876	10/27/1879		S/O I.F. & A.
"	Adaline	1/26/1873	7/15/1873		D/O " "
"	George	1/1/1865	9/17/1866		S/O " "
"	Isaac F.	3/6/1837	2/24/1896		
"	Adaline	7/24/1839	4/10/1930		W/O Isaac F.
"	Louis A.	10/3/1829	9/3/1854		
"	Mariah		8/18/1863	66y6m28d	W/O Isaac
"	Isaac		2/19/1854	60y7m4d	

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Remarks
Swisher	Peter	10/28/1746	1/18/1832	86y2m3d	Very old hand cut Stone
Stone	no markings				
Hefner	Marian		10/6/1862	38th. Yr.	w/o John
Stone	no markings		--		
L.D.D.	--	--			
Dawson	Lewis Decker		12/16/1859	22y3m9d	S/o John & Susannah
Wolfe	Nancy		8/21/1874	69th. Yr.	w/o John
Swisher	Eliza J.	10/10/1853	4/19/1887		w/o B.
Stout	Mortimore W.	1845	1913		w/o Mortimore
"	Bird	1855	1931		D/o M. & B.
"	Icy May	1878	1881		
Johnson	Charlie B.	6/1/1885	7/16/1887		
"	N. Blanche	1875	1969		"Tuck"
Blake	Anna E.	12/16/1902	2/22/1903		D/o L.D. & R.A.
Cottrill	Elizabeth	1/1/1820	6/11/1903		
Yerkey	Regie Burl	1909	1934		S/o Rosa & Lee
"	Rosa E.	1870	1942		w/o Lee
Williams	John W.	6/20/1864	8/20/1942		

While this church cemetery is not located in Lewis County, there are enough Hacker's Creek families buried there to warrant publishing this reading. The cemetery inscriptions were read by Robert and Larry Smith 27 March 1983.

LIFE CEMETERY

Location- Life's Run Old Life Residence

Registered Jan. 15, 1934 by R.B.S.

Sir Name	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Age Note	Remarks
Whetsel	Phebe (Life)		6/10/1870	58 Yr.		W/O Abraham
"	Abram		6/1/1869	63 Yr.		
Life	Major T.	1880	1882			S/O George & Ceela
"	Infant		1/30/1889			C/O " "
Atkins	Charlie M.	1/26/1890	1/13/1911			S/O C.P. & C.L.
"	Jamie H.	9/8/1900	1/30/1901			" " "
"	Mary V.	12/8/1905	3/19/1906			D/O " "
Hinzman	Liza (Life)	1850	1944			
Life	Samuel		8/21/1859		25 Days	S/O Noah & M.
"	John	2/25/1848	10/9/1862			" " "
"	Noah	1824	1919			
"	Margaret	1823	1859			W/O Noah
"	Margaret C.	1837	1911			" "
"	John		8/18/1856	87 Yr.		
"	Barbary		3/1/1865	86 Yr.		W/O John
"	Samuel	1816	1908			
"	Mary Elizabeth (Lough)	1821	1884			W/O Samuel
Hardman	Kate		1/5/1895		21 Yr. 18 D.	W/O W.E.
Life	George	1854	1921			
"	Ceella J.	1862	1922			W/O George
"	Lelia L.	1/8/1851	4/16/1876			W/O B. J.
Hicks	Creed D.		8/26/1961	84 Yr.		

Located in Lewis Co., W. Va., on Lifes Run, off Hackers Creek, between Clarksburg and Weston.
Read by Robert B. Smith 15 Jan 1984. This is a complete reading and includes several names not found in the reading published in the Life Family History.

CHURCH HISTORIES

This article, written by Mrs. John C. Hersman, was clipped from the "Weston Democrat" sometime in the 1960's by Betty Graybill. Mrs. Hersman was the Chairman of the Lewis County Centennial Church Committee.

Reports indicate that Lewis county will be well represented in the State Centennial Church project. Reports from twenty-five Lewis county churches have been forwarded to the state chairman, Mrs. Byron Hall of Mannington.

The project of finding and collecting facts about all century old churches has been undertaken by the county Farm Women's council in cooperation with the State Home Demonstration council. Histories of the churches and photographs of the present church buildings will be placed on file in the West Virginia collection of the West Virginia university library when the project is completed.

Centennial Church Sunday will be observed throughout the state on June 16th. Each Centennial church is encouraged to plan a special service for this day and to read the church history written for the occasion. A certificate of recognition will be presented at this time.

It is hoped that the project will center attention on the significant part played by churches in West Virginia's first hundred years. Religious worship was an important part of the life of Lewis county pioneers as evidenced by the fact that church services were held in the home of the first settler, John Hacker, who settled on Hacker's Creek near Berlin in 1769. Methodist circuit riders have left records of visiting a society in this home as early as 1786. The Harmony Methodist church which was organized in 1818 was an outgrowth of this class or society as the early Methodist groups were called.

The oldest church organization in Lewis county is the Broad Run Baptist church. The church was organized February 5, 1804, after Elder John Carney had held some meetings in private homes in the Duck Creek and Broad Run communities.

The First Methodist church has the distinction of being the oldest church in the city of Weston. Methodist circuit riders visited Weston as early as 1812, but the formal organization of the church took place in 1830 when the Rev. John Talbott established a class or society in the home of Elias Fisher in the building now occupied by the Weston Independent.

A few years later, Bishop Whelan, the first bishop of the Wheeling Diocese of the Roman Catholic church, celebrated Mass in the Bailey home on Main street where Cain's Drug store now stands. St. Patrick's Parish was established in 1845 with Reverend Austin Grogan as the first pastor.

In October 1848 the Rev. Samuel D. Tompkins organized St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church in a school house in Weston with Major Thomas Bland presiding over the meeting. These three are the only Weston churches which qualify as Centennial Churches. The greatest number of early churches were found in the rural sections of the county.

Century old churches which have reported are listed below with the date of organization.

Broad Run Baptist, 1804; Harmony Methodist, 1813; Berlin Methodist, 1830; West First Methodist, 1830; Jane Lew Mt. Hebron Methodist, 1831; Freemans Creek Baptist, 1831; Stone Coal Methodist, 1834; Jesse's Run Mt. Pleasant Methodist, 1834; Buckhannon Run Union Chapel Methodist, 1834; Georgetown Mt. Gilead Methodist, 1834; Waldeck Methodist, 1834; Laurel Lick Methodist, 1834; Murphy's Creek Baptist, 1844; St. Patrick's Catholic,

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FAIRVIEW CHURCH

Submitted by Maurice Allman, the following article was given to his mother in the 1960's by N. G. Boram then a member of the Fairview Church. Oscar Law was Maurice's great grandfather.

The Fairview Church is located on Hacker's Creek about midway between Harmony and Berlin. The organization was formed by Rev. George Willis in 1870 and the church was built in 1872 under the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Barret. Samuel Alkire, Oscar Law, and David R. Swisher were the building committee and Dr. George Nestor dedicated the house August 18, 1872. Washington Alkire gave the pulpit Bible, the young men of the community donated the lamps, and the young women the carpets. The people paid the builder of the church almost \$100 more than the contract price because they thought he had taken the contract below what it cost him to do the work. That showed a Christian spirit on the part of the people. The Allman, Straley, Law, Hacker, Boram, Lawson, Swisher, and Sutton families, all representatives of pioneer Hacker's Creek settlers, are represented in the membership of the Fairview church.

Two sessions of the annual conference have been held in the Fairview Church, 1874 and 1878. (The latter being my first session)

Rev. I. A. Barnes

The Fairview Church is the home church of three men that have gone into the ministry, Rev. David R. Batten, Rev. Otto Reeder, and Rev. George B. Ervin.

The present membership is about 60.

The lot on which the church stands was purchased of Hosea Kelly for \$200 being the land between the old and the new road. Mr. Kelly gave \$50 on the new church.

Asa L. Wimer and S. B. Bonnett were the contractors for the building.

Church 30 by 40 feet, 15 feet in the clear. Built on a solid foundation sunk 15 inches in solid ground and to be 17 inches above the ground, 18 inches wide all around the house, also four pillars under the middle sill, all to be built of flag rocks and laid in good lime mortar in good mason style.

Sills ten by twelve inches, corner posts 9 inches square, s eepers 2 by 11 inches, floor to be laid of inch planck not over 6 inches wide, ceiling 5 inches wide, 3/4 inch weather boarding showing 4 1/2 to weather, self supporting roof framed on the plan of the Baptist Church at Rockford covered with shaved joint shingles 20 inches long to show 6 inches to the weather, all windows to have shutters, alter and pulpit like the one in the Hebron Church, 28 seats with solid backs, walnut caps to be painted inside and out, and 3 coats of the best paint, to be completed August 1, 1872.

And the party of the second part covenants and agrees with the party of the first part in the consideration of the faithful performance of the above specified work to pay to the parties of the first the sum of \$950.00

McLaughlin's Law

In a key position in every genealogy you will find a John Smith from London.

- Murphy's Law 1984 Day by Day
Desk Calendar 366 wrong reasons
why things go more! by Arthur Bloch

List of Marriages celebrated in the year 1826-27

- + Isaac Martin to Anne Lane March 9th 1826
 + George Stanley to Ruth Chapman March 17th
 + George West to Susan Collier March 23rd
 + Henry Gandonan to Mary West March 30th
 + Benjamin Pickorbaugh to Sarah F. F. F. F.
 + Jacob Regar to Nancy Martin
 + Elizabeth Permin to John Staarcher April 18th
 + Nathaniel Horner to Delila Fisher July 5th
 + John Livingston to Harriet Horner August 9th
 + Alexander Puhens to Jane Morris August 21st
 + Elise Radcliff to Sally Butler October 4th
 + George Smith to Elizabeth Bonnet September 29th
 + Abraham Smith to Elizabeth Linger October 19th
 + Ismael M'Donald to Ealy Linger Nov 9th
 + James Spigg to Elizabeth Bonnet Nov 12th
 + Jacob Switzer to Ruth Stanley October 26th
 + Jacob Bonnet to Charlotte Hyde Nov. 21st
 + Joseph Straley to Mary Sholdes Dec. 5th
 + David Waldeck to Margaret Fisher Dec. 24th
 + Nicholas Fisher to Catharine Smith March 14 1827

N.B. The above were Marriages were
 celebrated by me John Mitchel Minister of the M.E.C

A LIST OF MARRIAGES CELEBRATED IN THE YEAR 1826-27 BY JOHN MITCHEL

This list was found in the records of J.W. Smith by Robert B. Smith and is believed to have originally been found in the courthouse in Weston, W. Va.

LEWIS COUNTY DEATHS

Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reports
1862 - cont.					
Francis, Patrick	9/29	88	Lewis	Jepe & Catherine	Reuben Francis, s
Barrett, Manda	6/	1	Lewis	John	f
Barrie, Nancy J.	5/22	22	Lewis	John & Margaret	f
Byttle infant	9/			James & Elizabeth	f
Lynch, Thomas	11/11		Lewis	Joseph H. & Caroline	f
McCally, Leonadis E.	10/4	1	Lewis		John McGee, owner
Mc Surname, Lucy	10/	4	Lewis		Delia McCray, w
McCray, James	1/22	65	Pendleton		Wm. Meeks, h
Meeks, Nancy B.	4/28	67	Culpepper Co.		f
Morrison, Manly C.	4/10	24	Lewis	Jacob	f
Nestor, Peter R.	11/6		Lewis	John & Sarah	f
Pickens, James	9/2	69	Bath		Rachel Pickens, gd
Pickens, William	12/19	27	Lewis	William	
Robey, John	12/26	69	Bath		Elizabeth Robey, w
Reger, Charles W.	12/19	2	Lewis	Nathan & Martha	f
Reger, Isaac N.	6/29	22	Lewis	Nathan & Martha	f
Ramsey, John	1/11	27	Lewis	William S.	f
Sprouse, William G.	1/14	20	Lewis	Benjamin & Nancy	m
Sprigg, Mary E.	10/18	3	Lewis	William J. & Elizabeth	m
Conrad, Margaret	11/14	78	Pendleton		K. Skinner, friend
Mitchell, Minerva	10/	2	Lewis	P.L. & Martha	f
Rohrbaugh, Anna	7/5	1	Lewis	Isaac	f
Taylor, Benny	5/26	74	Lewis		Marshall Taylor, s
Smith Infant	12/20	1m	Lewis	Levi	f
Knapp, Columbus	11/7		Lewis	Robert	f
Money Penny, N. B.	10/14	22	Lewis	James & Susan	Jane Money Penny, w
Summer, George	9/10	77	Lewis		Elizabeth Summer, w
Montgomery, Aron	9/25	9	Lewis	Armanias	f
Montgomery, Susannah	9/25	12	Lewis	H. & Rebecca	m
Smith, Margaret	1/5		Lewis	John C. & Margaret	f
Smith, Saphaony	1/5	13	Lewis	John C. & Margaret	f
Smith, Ruhama	11/12	5	Lewis	William L.	f
Linger, Anna M.	4/24	1d	Lewis	G.R. & N.E.	f
Smith infant	7/6	1d	Lewis	Isaac & Virginia	f
Shiflet infant	9/	14d	Lewis	Samuel & Claripa	f

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name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting
<u>862-cont.</u>					
ailty, Sarah	9/17	1	Lewis	D.H. & Harriet	f
rnold, Susan	7/22	1	Lewis	William E. & Susan	f
<u>863</u>					
o listings for this year. Apparently due to Civil War.					
<u>864</u>					
o listings for this year. Apparently due to Civil War.					
<u>865</u>					
Innigan, Benjamin	10/16	8	Lewis	James & Mary	f
ush, William	10/13	65	Goochland Co.	William & Nancy	Mahalia Bush, w
ush, Mary V.	7/30	21	Goochland	William & Mahalia	m
utcher, Evan	3/5	24	Lewis	Isaac & Christana	f
ox, Thomas	11/8	6	Lewis	Thomas & Mary	f
ox, John	11/30	4	Lewis	Thomas & Mary	f
ox, Margaret	10/16	8	Lewis	Thomas & Mary	f
ennison, Sarah	7/25	2	Barbour	Thomas E.	f
ennison, Hester	7/27	16m	Lewis	Anderson B.	f
etamore, George P.	12/	2	Lewis	Henry H. & Jane	f
alford, A. H.	10/24	4	Lewis	James H.	f
itt, Simon	10/26	27	Culpepper Co.	John & Frances	f
ackson	3/14	22	Lewis	George & Cecelia	m
inger, Thomas	5/15	1m	Lewis	N.H. & Lucinda	f
inger, Martha M.	11/21	24	Lewis	William & Sarah Smith	Phillip Linger, h
orentz, Rebecca	12/19		Lewis		John Lorentz, h
ohen, Peter	1/27	52	Ireland		Susan Lohen, w
urray, John	10/16	6	Lewis	Patrick & Mary	f
ontgomery, Harriet	6/16	7	Lewis	Henry & Sarah	f
ontgomery, Rebecca A.	6/4	2	Lewis	Henry & Sarah	f
icCray, Robert C.	11/13	4	Lewis	Thomas L.	f
den, George P.	11/6	1	Lewis	John W.	f
erkey, Sarah E.	10/18	1	Lewis	Noah	f
ost, Lisa A.	9/12	1	Lewis	Charles & Jane	f
houlders, John W.	11/27	49	Harrison		S. R. Shoulders, s

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name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting
865 - cont.					
talnaker, John H.	8/6	6	Lewis	John W. & Elizabeth	f
mith, Laura	8/	2	Lewis	William B. & Jane	f
ullivan, Peter	3/21	22	Lewis	John & Bridget	f
866					
lkire, Nimrod	9/15	11	Hackers Cr.	Nicholas & Mary	f
tkins, Richard M.	8/13	47	Rockbridge Co.	John & Louisa	Catherine, w
utcher, Henry	11/3	74	Harrison	Paulser & Elizabeth	K. Butcher, w
alley, Martha A.	10/13	24	Lewis	Wm. Francis Starcher	Elizabeth Hinzman, sister
ell, Benjamin	11/21	62	Penna.	Samuel & Polly	Mary Bell, w
urnsides, Sarah A.	2/3	9	Harrison	William & Elizabeth	f
eown, James	5/16	66	Harrison	James & Sarah	Unis Stalnaker, d
eown, Elias A.	3/1	8	Lewis	Elias & Barbary	f
atton, Joseph	8/15	1m	Weston	Francis & Lenandra	f
utright, Sophia	12/31	31	Lewis	Abraham & Rebecca	f
alison, Mary	12/23	26	Franklin Co.	Hinzman	f
oburn, Virginia A.	7/14	11d	Weston	Riley & Virginia	James Paugh, bros.
odd, Nancy	11/9	48	Nelson Co.	Paugh	f
epriest, Jamima	5/28	13	Lewis	John W. & Ellen	Wm. Dodd
avison, Emma C.	6/1	3m	Harrison	William A. & Louisa	f
avison, Anderson	8/18	48	Harrison	George W. & Sarah	f
dmond, Injmore	10/17	21	Lewis	Wm. & Rachel	Adeline Davis, w ???
ahay, Christopher	12/25	6	Freemans Cr.	John & Hannah	f
reathouse, Sigmore	4/25	2m	W. F. River	Michael & Catherine	f
acker, Jonathan	5/14	87	Harrison	Andrew & Margaret	m
all, Celia B.	8/21	37	Harrison	John & Margaret	Sarah Barnett, d
itt, Alexander	8/11	64	Fauquier	Stephan & Hannah	S. W. Hall, h
cyce, Judah	12/29	3	Freemans Creek	Jackson	Mirah Hitt, w
ing, Nancy	9/24	40	Lewis	James & Catherine	Elijah King, h
ake, Beadford	11/1	28	Hackers Cr.	Richard & Bridget	Elizabeth Lake, w
axon, David B.	10/17	1d	Lewis	Rodum & Ruth Nutt	f
oneypenny, Caroline	8/3	34	Fauquier	Elias & Nancy	Asa Money Penny, h
inter, John	11/29	64	Fauquier	Jas. K.P. & Sarah	Caroline Minter, d
				Nicholas & Catherine	
				Fisher	
				Jacob & Hannah	

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Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting
1866 - cont.					
Norman, Mary	3/28	34	Lewis	Nelson & Rachel	f
Nicholas, George	10/20	70	Penna.	George & Mary	Stephen Nicholas, s
Post, Margaret M.	3/22	53	Lewis	Mitchell Cookman	Martin P. Post, h
Queen, Sarah	4/18	52	Fauquier	Anthony & Mary Garrett	Levi H. Queen, h
Rexroad, Henry	3/27	19	Pendleton	William & Ella	f
Snider, Robert	8/1	30	Rockingham, Va	George & Elizabeth	f
Starkes, Joseph	9/5	61	Germany	Joseph & Catherine	Mary Starkes, w
Smith, Nimrod	2/9	64	Hardy	John & Annie	David Curtis, sil
Smith, Edgar Grant	11/15	2	Weston	Alfred & Elizabeth	f
Striner, William	3/27			Daniel & Nancy	Nancy Striner, w
Duval, Mary	7/25	73	Hardy	Godfreys	George P. Duval, h
Finister, Mary	8/10	1m	Hardy	John	f
Fox, Nancy	11/5	69	Bath Co., Va.	Ratliffs	Ann Cooper, d
Johnson, Rebecca	5/10	28	Greenbriar	Fentons	Perry Lawson, h ???
McAnaney, Ann	3/19	60	Ireland	Marneys	Patrick McAnaney, h
Mullady, infant	3/21	1d	Lewis	Thomas	f
Mullady, infant	3/21	1d	Lewis	Thomas	f
Marsh infant	12/20	1m	Lewis	Nathan	f
Mitchel, William D.	1/16	6m	Lewis	Paul T. & Harriet	f
Owen infant	3/7	1m	Lewis	Thomas E.	f
Pullin, James	5/27	40	Highland Co.	Hefners	Lucinda Pullin, w
Roads, Elizabeth	12/23	35	Lewis		Francis Roads, h
Shoulders, Susan	4/	49	Rockingham		John G. Shoulders, h
Taylor, William A.	4/13	44	Lewis		Mary A. Tylor, w
Tulley, Margaret	8/3	1	Lewis	Martin	f
Wilkinson, Richard	7/11	2m	Lewis	William	f
Wilfong infant		1m	Lewis	William	f
1867					
Detamore, Malipie D.	4/3	28d	Lewis	H.H. & Jane	f
Gahgan infant	4/15		Lewis	John & Catherine	f
Hitt, John W.	1/2	37	Culpepper Co.	James & Catherine	f
Muleanean infant	5/1		Lewis	John & Ann	f
Morrison, Belinda J.	10/24	20	Lewis	James J. & Rachel	f

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Wright, A. S. T.	3/31	79	Bath Co.	George & Margaret	James Vaughn, s
Gibson, Sarah J.	1/27		Lewis	Morris	Granville Gibson, h
Hardman, G. Charles	2/17	2	Lewis	Thomas & Susan	f
Marsh, Nancy E.	1/3	2	Lewis	Marshall & Catherine	f
Morrison, Helen	8/26	47	Lewis	Joseph & Elizabeth M.?	David Morrison, h
Steward, Eliza	5/4	70	Lewis		H. B. Steward,
West, Mary E.	5/	2	Lewis	John R. & Elizabeth	f
Radshaw infant	11/24		Lewis	William J. & Mary	f
Conrad, Jane V.	4/10	71	Bath Co.		Joseph Bennett, friend
Wright infant	12/3		Lewis	Salathall & Matilda	f
Hefner, Isabell	5/20	97	Pendleton	John & Mary Mitchell	Michael Hefner, s
Johns, Margaret	11/6	32	Harrison		Morgan Johns, h
Enkins, Albert	9/9	11m	Lewis	John C. & Prudence	f
Lowther, Margaret	6/12	43	Pendleton		Harrison Lowther, h
Witchell, Sophronia	4/22	3m		Paul T. & Harriet	f
Wien, Mary	3/4	5	Lewis	John W. & Rebecca	f
Wright, Jane	4/20	3	Lewis	S. S. & Rebecca	f
Wenemiller, Thomas L.	3/1	15d	Lewis	Josh & Margaret	f
Land, Thomas	7/11	74	Fairfax Co., Va.	Thomas & Sarah	Mary Bland, w
Wright, John	9/2	69	Harrison	S. J. & Martha	E. Bonnett, w
Wumley, John	3/29	6m	Lewis	John & Sarah	f
Wemrine, Henry C.	6/14	25	Gilmer	William & Susan	Caroline Wemrine, w
Wodson, Robert F.	3/2	6m	Lewis	Phillip & Matilda	f
Wisher, William H.	7/8	26	Lewis	David & Lydia	m
Wenkins, Mary	8/6	15	Madison Co.	George W. & Elizabeth	f
Wacker, Hannah	4/9	79	Pendleton	Joseph & Hannah	
Worner, Martha	10/3	72	Harrison	Bennett	Sarah Bonnett/Barnett, d.
Wackson, Ellen	9/12	37	Lewis	Jacob & Martha	S. Horner, h
Wright, Charles	6/7	6	Lewis	Bennett	Caroline Norris, aunt
Wright, William	10/5	6m	Lewis	David & Mary Morris	John Kee, grandfather
Wright, Margaret	10/6	5m	Lewis	James & Harriet	f
Wright, James	6/26	3m	Lewis	Own & Caroline	f
				Norman A. & Sarah E.	f

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867 - cont.					
Moore, Dav V.	3/2	35	Washington Co., Pa	Andrew & Catherine	Mary Moore, w
Maxon, Charles	11/5	1d	Lewis	James K.P. & Sarah W.	f
Morris, Richard	6/21	2	Lewis	John W. & Jane	f
Mudson, James	6/21	4m		Robert & Margaret	f
Mosburn, Granville	1/4	27	Lewis	Joseph & Mirah	f
Mollings, Patsey	2/18	56	Rapahanock Co, Va.	William & Murrow	Williams Rollings, s
Mishers, Olive B.	9/24	12	Lewis	George William & Mary	f
Mponagle, Margaret	5/30	28	Pocahontas	John & Va. Galford	W. Sponagle, h
Mtlnaker, Charles	10/6	73	Harrison	Samuel & Susan	S. E. Stalnaker, s
Stazel, Christopher	9/21	85	Germany		Christopher Stazel, s
Straley, Catherine	2/6	3	Lewis	G. P. & Lucy M.	f
Simmons, Chales	7/22	11m	Lewis	W. & Luvenia	f
Wilson, Ann Charlotte	6/20	5m		Jasper & Margaret	f
Wimer, William S.	6/8	1	Lewis	Asa & Eliza	f
Waggner, Catherine	4/2	83		Peter & Charlotte	H. Waggoner, h
Woofter, George	6/2	81	Louden	John & Sarah	Alfred Woofter, s
Williams, Dexter L.	1/28	1	Lewis	Elizabeth Williams	m
Smith, Olive M.	11/29	32	Harrison	Issac & Mariah Swicker	Leonidas Smith, h
1866					
Alkire, Charles	10/3	4	Lewis	Nicholas & Elizabeth	f
Burkhammer infant	4/13	10d	Lewis	W.J. & S. E.	Mary J. Burkhammer, aunt
Brown, Mathew	1/1	74	Ireland	John & Jane	John, f ???
Brown, John	11/4	38	Harrison	J. & Harriet	m
Bennett/Bonnett, Sarah E.	11/16	15	Roane Co.	T. & Phoebe Foster	Phoebe Bonnett, m.????
Boram, Elizabeth	3/24	72		James & Jane Turner	Mary Swisher, d
Bragg, Benjamin	9/28	2m	Weston	William H. & Elizabeth	f
Bennett, Jessie M.C.	1/4	38	Ohio	J.E. & Patience	Rachel Bennett, w
Dodson, Joseph	7/7	53	Shenandoah Co.	J. & Elizabeth	Priscilla, w
Butcher, John	10/5	86	Harrison	P. & Elizabeth	Mary Butcher, d
Coburn, Oliver	9/27	47	Lewis	R. & Sarah Dodson	John Coburn, h
Gaul, Charles E.	12/7	8m	Lewis	L.E. & Elizabeth E.	f
Fisher, Manderville B.	6/6	24	Lewis	W. & E.	Eliza Fisher, w
Hannigan, Mary	4/26	57	Fauquier	Wm. & Nancy Green	James Hannigan, h
Flesher, Susan	3/22	31	Harrison	F. & Elizabeth Law	Wm. Flesher, h
Gibson, Luella	10/28	3	Minnesota	J.J. & Laura J.	f

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1868 - cont.					
Iacker, Elias H.	7/9	14	Lewis	Wm. P. & Lucretia	f
Ioughton, John	9/30	17		Thomas & Margaret	m
Jewell, Albert	9/16	53	Somerset Co., Me	Eno & Fanny	Catherine Jewell, w
Kelley, Holzen	7/9	8m		M.R. & H.	f
Lovall, John	2/19	3m		J. & Elizabeth	m
Means, Edgar O.	1/19	15	Lewis	Issac & May	m
Musser, Emma	8/14	2	Lewis	P.C. & Elizabeth	f
Mounts, Camey	3/27	4d	Lewis	G. & Delia	f
Norman, Wilson	11/9	56	Va.	Jarrett & Ann Freeman	Rebecca Norman, w
Priest, July Ann	8/27	23	Fauquier	S.A. & S.M.	f
Rollyson, Dora May	5/1	12d	Weston	father unknown/	
Skidmore, William B.	9/4	2	Lewis	L.E. Skidmore	Margaret Skidmore, grandmother
Shepler, John W.	3/24	16	Hardy	H. & Sarah P.	m
Shiflet, Henry C.	2/14	6d	Lewis	Samuel & Claracy	f
Shiflet, Sinclair	2/14	6d	Lewis	Samuel & Claracy	f
Simmons, Lavara	7/17	26	Lewis	P. & Margaret	
				Butcher	W. Simmons, h
Simmons, Adam C.	10/3	3m	Lewis	W. & Lavara	f
Varnier, Manda	5/20	9m	Lewis	Phillip & Rachel	f
Wanstreet, Sarah	11/18	1	Doddridge	Henry & Susie	f
Waggoner, Rebecca	12/23	22	Lewis	John & Mary A.	m
White, Lloyd	4/27	4		M. & Flora	f
Williams, Eliza J.	12/16	3m	Lewis	Issac & Rebecca	f
Moore, Andrew J.	11/16	3	Harrison	D.B. & Mary	m
Alkire, Columbus	10/1	15	Lewis	J.C. & Sarah	f
Blagg, Martha	10/	1	Lewis	B.H. Blagg	f
Bennett, Mary E.	5/27		Lewis	William Bennett	f
Bennett, James	7/16		Lewis	William Bennett	f
Cummings, Pheobe	4/1	1d	Lewis	William & Sarah	f
Claypole, Eliza	7/30		Lewis	Lucinda	m
Ellis, G. Adeline	9/3	1	Lewis	R.A. Ellis	f
Clark, Harriet V.	10/7	2	Lewis	Marshall Clark	f
Clark, J.M.	9/	1	Lewis	Marshall Clark	f
Finister, Mary	10/	70	Lewis	John C.	f
Jenkins, A.M.		5d			

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<u>1868 - cont.</u>					
Linger, Catherine	4/28	44	Lewis	George Linger	f
Whalen, Joseph	11/17	22	Lewis	James	f
Stewart, Lavina	10/	33	Lewis	George Stewart, h	h
Nicholas, Jennie		10d	Lewis	William J.	f
<u>1869</u>					
Atkins, Catherine	12/7	57	Harrison	Samuel & M. Bonnett	Jasper Peterson, sil
Bennett, Lorentz	5/22	Year 10m	Lewis	Silas & Phoebe	f
Bonnett, Margaret M.	2/15	11	Lewis	Peter & M.F.	f
Bonnett, George	8/27	27	Lewis	Eliza Bonnett	W.A. Bonnett, w
Burkhammer, George	1/15	1m	Lewis	W.B. & J.	m
Beeghley, Martha	5/27	1	Lewis	John & C.N.	f
Cox, Joseph	3/12	69	Pendleton	Robert & Rachel	A. Cox, w
Colpin, Martin	10/18	55	Highland	Owen & Ellen	
				Collison ???	Thomas Casey, bil
Ford, Margaret	9/25	41	Lewis	John & C. Butcher	H.G. Ford, h
Forinash, Peter D.	5/20	18	Lewis	Jonas & E.A.	m
Fletcher, Elizabeth	5/22	92	Hampshire	Joseph & E. Steorts	Noah Fletcher, s
Fisher, Juliet J.	7/15	35	Lewis	Phillip & S. Lowe	A.S. Fisher, h
Frasure, Emma	7/1	1d	Turkey Pen Run	Joseph B. & Belinda	f
Gum, Leah	10/3	21	Highland	Henry & M.	f
Gibson, Malinda	2/24	66	Loudoun Co.	Wm. & Mary Hall	Kitty Bailey, neighbor
Hinzman, Stephen	2/25	25	Lewis	Henry & Mary	M.L. Hinzman, w
Hinzman, W.H.	10/28	3	Finks Cr.	Stephen & M.L.	m
Hurst, Rebecca	5/30	34	Randolph	A. & Elizabeth	
				Osburn	J.L. Hurst, h
Keen, Jacob Franklin	9/6	22d	Buckhannon Run	James H. & Louisa J.	f
Kellison, Phillip S.	4/21	10m	Smith Run	John M. & Sarah	f
Lawson, Jacob W.	7/20	23	Lewis	George & C.L.	f
Lavell, Elizabeth M.	5/27	42	Lewis	Henry & Mary	E. Lovell, h
McDonald, Thomas	6/26	86	Bath Co.	Samuel & Ellen	A. McDonald, s
Morrison, Margaret	6/3	79	Hardy	John & Elizabeth	
				Brake	A. Morrison, h
Mountz, Ichie	7/28	70	Harrison	Humphrey & P.	F. Mountz, s
Maxon, Seth Lee	8/14	9m	Hackers Cr.	J.K.P. & Sarah F.	f

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THE WAGGONERS OF HACKER'S CREEK

Part II

by Cris Wagoner

1792 - After the Massacre

Part of a letter from General James Wood to Gov. H. Lee, as found in the History of Harrison Co., Virginia, by Henry Haymond.

"Clarksburg May 10, 1792

Sir:

On Monday (7 May 1792) last a party of Indians made an excursion into this neighborhood. They passed through a settlement generally supposed to be most exposed, without any mischief and afterwards made an attack upon one _____ Waggoner, who was ploughing in his field. They fired on him but he escaped and endeavored to get to the house, which he found surrounded by the enemy. A party of volunteers were soon collected, who found Waggoner's wife and three of the eldest children killed and scalped, and the other three taken prisoners.

The party endeavored to follow their trail but without effect as they took no horses and appeared to be remarkably cautious. I am enclined to think they are still consealed in the mountains; will make another stroke and provide themselves with horses before they take their final departure, as they took from Waggoners pewter & many other heavy articles."

Little is known of John Waggoner's life after the massacre of 7 May 1792 when he lost his wife, Margaret (Bonnett) Waggoner, and seven children - four small boys killed and Elizabeth, Mary and Peter captured. He must have wondered if he would ever see his children again.

Some records say the house was burned, so I suppose the house was rebuilt along with his life. At the time of the massacre, John Waggoner would have been 41 years old and had lost two families in his lifetime, his father Wilhelm and a sister and a brother in 1764 and then, 28 years later, his wife and seven children.

On 19 May 1795, John Hacker, Jacob Cozad and John Waggoner appeared at the Harrison County Court and received from the Clerk of Court an order, that they resided in the county and were gentlemen of good character, as a letter of introduction to General Anthony Wayne. In June 1795 they attended the Council of Peace at Greenville; at this assembly of council, various tribes were directed to surrender all white captives to General Wayne. This peace treaty was finally signed on 7 August 1795. It was at this time that John Waggoner recovered his daughter Mary after three long years of separation.

Elizabeth Waggoner was returned to her father sometime during the year 1795 by her uncle, Lewis Bonnett. Three years later she married John Hardman. In the same year, 1798, John Waggoner posted bond with intent to marry Susannah Richards, daughter of the deceased Arnold Richards. The bond was signed 23 Feb 1798 and said that Susannah was the ward of

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John Runyon. They were married 19 Feb 1799. The marriage record reads John Waggoner and Susannah Runyon. In 1800 Mary Waggoner married Jacob Wolff.

Between 1800 and 1810, John and Susannah (Richards) Waggoner deeded both Elizabeth (Waggoner) Hardman and Mary (Waggoner) Wolf each 50 acres on Jesse's Run of Hacker's Creek.

Peter Waggoner's Return

In a Hardman genealogy, by Samuel Hardman, there is a statement, "Peter Waggoner visited his home folks about the year 1810." I don't know if this is true but it could explain why one of the 1810 census records read: 5 males under 10 years, 1 female under 5, 1 female 26-45. There are two John Waggoners in Harrison County, Va., in 1810.

The accepted facts are that during the War of 1812, a neighbor of John Waggoner, a Mr. Booker (or Baker) looking for land in Ohio, saw Peter Waggoner with a band of Indians, on Paint Creek, a tributary of the Scioto River, in Ross County, Ohio. Word was sent to John Waggoner that Mr. Booker had seen a white man who had a strong family resemblance to John and he felt it was Peter who had been captured by the Indians in 1792. John Waggoner, accompanied by son-in-law John Hardman, traveled to Paint Creek to locate the man thought to be Peter.

Peter, having lived the life of an Indian for 20 years, married to an Indian woman and had two daughters, was reluctant to leave the life he had known for so long. Peter finally agreed to visit his family for a short time but promised to return to his Indian wife and children. Time passed and Peter never was allowed to return. Some stories tell of trying time for both Peter and his father John. One story is that the Indian wife came searching for Peter, spent several nights in and around the area of Hacker's Creek, then disappeared. No trace has since been found of Peter's Indian family.

After several years Peter married Catherine (Hardman) Hyde. Peter would have been 25 years old when he came back to Hacker's Creek and three-fourths of his life had been spent with the Indians.

Susannah (Richards) Waggoner

John Waggoner was about 30 years older than his second wife Susannah (Richards) Waggoner. They lived all their life on Jesse's Run.

I know very little of Susannah's life. If she was a ward of John Runyon in 1798, she must have been under 18 years of age - born around 1781. Chronicles of Border Warfare states that in August 1781, as Arnold and Paul Richards were returning to Richards Fort, they were shot at by some Indians who lay hidden in a cornfield adjoining the fort. Both fell from their horses and were immediately attacked by Indians who tomahawked and scalped them.

One researcher says Arnold Richards was Susannah's father. I'm inclined to think it may have been Paul Richards as John and Susannah named their first son Paul.

Both Arnold and Paul Richards, according to land records, were on Sycamore Creek in 1773 and 1774, with lands adjoining land of William Lowther. Richards Fort was located at the mouth of Sycamore Creek, six miles from Clarksburg, Virginia.

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Mr. Craig Weaver says that Susannah Richards was a sister of his Margaret Richards who married Job Stout 25 May 1795 with Robert Lowther signing for Margaret Richards. I believe Margaret was raised by the William Lowthers after the death of her father.

Susannah was the mother of eleven or twelve children. Surely there is some record of her life somewhere, and I'm sorry I haven't been able to find it.

First Legal Record

The first legal record to tell something of John Waggoner was his personal appearance in Harrison County court 7 Aug 1832 to establish his service record for a Revolutionary War pension. In the record, John's signature is made by his "X". His pension record as it appears in the court records and the transcription will be found on pages A story about Fort Laurens where John served was written for this issue by Joy Gilchrist. It appears on page 173.

October 1840

Two events of record pertaining to the John Waggoner family occurred in two successive days in October 1840.

On 12 October 1840 William Powers and Parker B. Cookman witnessed the last will and testament of John Waggoner. The will was probated in 1842 and recorded in Lewis County, (W.) Va., Will Book B, page 36. It reads:

"I, John Waggoner, of Lewis Co., state of Virginia, do hereby make this my last will and testament.

"1st. I desire that the land on which I now live, being one hundred and 78 and $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, to be equally divided between my two sons (to wit) George and Samuel Waggoner to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

"2nd. That the said George and Samuel Waggoner pay to my other children (to wit) Peter Waggoner, John Waggoner, Paul Waggoner, Jacob Waggoner, Wm. Waggoner, Catherine Dobson late Catherine Waggoner, Susanna Sims late Susanna Waggoner, Mariah Cottrill late Mariah Waggoner, and Margaret Waggoner the sum of sixty dollars each within the period of five years after my decease.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of October in the year of 1840.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by
John Waggoner as and for his last will and
testament in the presence and hearing of ? who
at his request and in his presents have
subscribed our names as witness. "

Wm. Powers
Parker B. Cookman

John ^{his}
X mark Waggoner

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On 13 Oct 1840 Elisha Flesher extracted the Lewis County census for the Waggoner household. The census was signed by Henry F. Westfall 31 Oct 1841 at Jane Lew, Virginia.

We find John Waggoner male 90 years old living with Samuel and Nancy (Garrison) Waggoner, but no Susannah Waggoner is shown on the census. I have never found a death record for her, yet in the 1810 census she is shown under the 26-45 year age group. I assume, therefore, that Susannah (Richards) Waggoner died prior to October 1840. This is substantiated by the absence of any mention of her in John's will written the day before the census was taken.

Other of the Waggoner family who appear on the 1840 census in Lewis County are:

Jacob Wolf household - shows male 60/70 years and female 50/60 years. This would be correct for Jacob and Mary (Waggoner) Wolf. I have found no death record for Jacob Wolf.

John Hardman household - shows male 60/70 years, female 60/70 years and 2 males between 20 and 30. This would be correct for John and Elizabeth (Waggoner) Hardman.

Peter Waggoner household - shows male 50/60 years, female 50/60 years and one male 15/20 years. This would be correct for Peter and Catharine (Hardman) (Hyde) Waggoner and their son Perry Green.

William Waggoner household - shows male 20/30 years of age, female 20/30 years and female under 5 years. William was s/o Peter and Catherine (Hyde) Waggoner. -

Henry Waggoner household - shows male 30/40 years, female 30/40 years and 2 males and 1 female under 15. This would be correct for Henry and Susan (Bonnett) Waggoner.

Jacob Waggoner household - shows male 30/40, female 20/30 and 3 small females. This would be correct for Jacob and Catherine (Bonnett) Waggoner.

George W. Dobson household - shows male 20/30 years, female 20/30 years, 4 children under 10 and a boy 15/20 years. This would be correct for George and Catharine (Waggoner) Dobson, except that the male 15/20 was not a member of their family.

Martin Sims household - shows male 20/30, female 20/30, 2 boys under 5 years and a male 50/60. This would be correct for Martin and Susanna (Waggoner) Sims. Who was the male 50/60?

John Waggoner's Death

I have not been able to locate an exact death date for John Waggoner. His will was written in Oct 1840, he appears on the 1840 census and his will was probated in 1842. We have been unable to locate a burial place for him, and maybe a tombstone; but some say that he was buried on the

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Waggoner farm - now in a field marked with a pile of stones. The best piece of evidence that we have to establish a death date is the appraisal and bill of sale. The appraisal was made 29 Sept 1842 by George Cookman and Jeremiah Cookman. Along with the appraisal by George and Jeremiah Cookman is a statement in the court records of Lewis County which reads:

"Sept 29, 1842 -

This day came Richard Dobson before me a Justice of the peace of Lewis Co. & Made oath that he appraised the property of John Waggoner dec. to the best of his skill and Judgement. Given under my hand this 11th 1842.

George W. Dobson

M. Wolf, J.P."

It appears that John Waggoner's estate was not completely settled until 30 Oct. 1846 when the sale was held.

Bill of Sale of John Waggoner Dec.

Dollars & cents

Parker Cookman	Squar & Camphers	.56
John Waggoner	half exch ogger & chisel	.40
Presley McIntire	1 ogger	.85
Henry Waggoner	1 ogger & chisel	.76
William Cranson	1 ogger & chisel	.25
Wm Anderson	1 handsaw	1.05
Martin Sims	1 Draw ..nife	.27
Peter Waggoner	1 Foot aads	1.31
G. W. Dobson	1 Wackel	1.75
Abram Hep	1 Lock chain	1.22
Joseph Mitchel	1 pair of Gears	1.80
George Bent	1 Broad Hoe Plow Plate	1.06 $\frac{1}{2}$
Samuel Bonnett	1 Saddle	10.13
P. McIntire	1 Bag	.56
U. Waggoner	1 rifel Gun	4.06 $\frac{1}{2}$
Benjamin W. Bell	1 Axe	2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Martin Sims	1 Grindstone	.88
John (Cobin) Coburn	2 Cogs & Tub	.70
John Wilson	2-oens & 2 Saddle trees	.53
David Smith Sen.	1 Cockel Sine	.34
David W. Smith	1 Sime??	.18
William Watson	1 lot of Wool	1.42
John Wilson	2 Chairs	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
William Walker	1 Caberd	7.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
William Kelly	1 Barow	5.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Edmonds	1 Clock & Case	4.06 $\frac{1}{2}$
Martin Fox	1 Bedsted & Bedding	10.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Benjamin W. Bell	1 coverlet	2.52
Cornelias King	1 straw tick & fether cover	1.00
Susan Sims	1 Bedsted	1.37
David Mitchel	1 Behive	1.12
Martin Simes	1 Kettle	3.25
John Waggoner	1 Smoothing Iron	.76
G. W. Dobson	1 Bull Calf	2.06 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Abram Hinzman	1 Cow	9.25
William Kelly	1 Colt	11.40
Martin Fox	1 Gray Mair	46.50
G. W. Dobson	1 Red Cow	9.50
Nelson Rily	1 Red Cow	8.50
George Waggoner	1 Sow & 4 Pigs	2.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

Under our hands this 30th day of Oct 1846.
signed Henry Butcher, Wm. J. Bailey, Adam Fisher, Levi Maxwell, Adm.

1 auger	Levi Maxwell	.4-
1 ?????? & sundries	John West	.99
1 saw & chisel	E. Carmack	.78
1 hamer & iron	Adam Bush	
2 shovels	Benjamin F. Sharp	.38
1 Dung fork	Abram Bush	.4-
1 Mattock	Nicholas Waggoner	.88
1 Steer	John Butcher	9.05
1 Bull	John White	8.00
1 cow & calf	James Demy	11.50
2 Barrows	Jepe Butcher	4.30
1 Harrow	J. M. Jackson	2.90
4 sheep 1st Choice	Preston Dawson	5.51
1 Kittle	Nicholas Waggoner	3.50
1 Kittle	Jacob Waggy	3.50
1 Copper Kettle	Benjamin F. Sharp	3.75
1 loom	Christopher Stasel	3.00
1 wheat fan	Anthony Waggoner	8.25
1 Rifle Gun	France Waggoner	7.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Coverlet	John Burnside	2.57
1 bunch of Wool	Joseph Shaffer	3.43

Another sale 30th of Oct 1846

1 lantern	Caleb Freeman	.31
25 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of Corn	Wm. Alexander	9.50 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Oat stack	Wm. Alexander	6.50
1 Hay stack	John McWhorter	5.31
5 bushels buckwheat	Anthony Waggoner	2.01
1 Cockel Do Do	" "	1.40
1 Iron Squar	Amos Waggoner	.35

(There was many other things, but this is all the names I could read.)

1 note of hand on Jacob Waggoner (??? Jan'y 1st 1833	30.00
1 note of hand on George Waggoner	11.75
1 note of hand on Samuel Waggoner	23.28
(Twenty three Dollars, 28 cents Praise Bill)	
1 note of hand on Elijah Waggoner, Due Oct 11th 1842	24.00
to account on Jacob Wolf	18.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
to account on John Flesher Borrowed money	02.00
to account on Leonan D. Sims Borrowed money	5.00

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All of John and Susannah (Richards) Waggoner's children were present at the sale, with the exception of Paul who moved to Indiana around 1840 and Mariah (Waggoner) Cottrill who had married Andrew Cottrill; also present were sons-in-law G. W. Dobson and Martin Sims and, from his first family Peter Waggoner and Jacob Wolf, husband of Mary Waggoner Wolf.

The Family of John and Susannah

1. Paul Waggoner, b. 1800 on Jesse's Run. In Jan 1821, he married Elizabeth Straley, d/o of George and Elizabeth (Bonnett) Straley.* John Mitchel, the minister, did not give the day of marriage when he made the return to the Clerk of Courts in Lewis County. Paul is on the tax records in Lewis County until 1840. It is believed that this branch moved to Indiana.
2. Henry Waggoner, b. 13 Mar 1802, d. 8 Dec 1886, age 84 years, 8 months, 26 days. Henry's first wife was Comfort Collins. They were married by William Hacker on 29 Nov 1821. Henry's second wife was Susan Bonnett, the d/o Samuel and Martha (Radcliff) Bonnett. John Mitchell married Henry and Susan on 8 Nov 1827. Susan was b. 30 May 1806 in Lewis (Harrison) County and d. there 11 April 1899 at the age of 92y, 10m, 11d. Their children:
 - a) Samuel B. Waggoner, b. 20 July 1828; d. 4 May 1911, age of years and buried in Old Harmony Cemetery; m. 10/14 June 1852 to Francis McAvoy, b 4 Sept 1832, d. 21 Apr 1895 at 63 years, d/o John and Jane McAvoy.
 - b) Margaret Ruhana Waggoner, b. ca 1834, m. 9 Oct 1854 John T. Reger in Lewis County by Talbott.
 - c) Henry E. Waggoner, b. ca 1838, Lewis Co., (W.) Va.
 - d) Olive M. Waggoner, b. ca 1849, Lewis Co., (W.) Va.
3. Elijah Waggoner, b 10 Jan 1804, d. 31 May 1899 at 95 years; m. 18 Mar 1830 (another date 17 Apr 1831) by John Mitchell to Mary Straley b. 27 Dec 1804, d 30 Aug 1882 at 78 years, d/o George and Elizabeth (Bonnett) Straley. Their children:
 - a) Elias W. Waggoner, b. 8 Feb 1831, d. 28 Sept 1917, m. 20 June 1861 to Harriet Cookman, b. 1836, d. 21 Dec 1903, d/o Jeremiah and Elizabeth Cookman.

*See HCJ Vol. II, Issue 2, pg. 79-83, for more information on the Straley family.

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- b) Peter (Perry) G. Waggoner, b. 21 Aug 1833, d. young.
 - c) Christina Waggoner, b. 6 Nov 1835, d. 1914, m. 20 Sept 1860 to Sabisca Stalnaker, b. 8 Jan 1839, d. 15 Jan 1923.
 - d) Amazith Waggoner, b. 20 Nov 1837, d. young.
 - e) George S. Waggoner, b. 24 Feb 1840, d. 7 Sept 1918, m. on 16 Dec 1866 to Eliza Smith.
 - f) John Calhoun Waggoner, b. 5 Jan 1843, d. 1936; m. 1 May 1881 to Emma Carnelia Starcher, b. Oct 1857, d. 1942.
4. John Waggoner, b. 25 Sept 1805-6, d. 25 Apr 1879, 73yr, 7mo, 0 dy, buried Morrison Cemetery. m. ca 1833 to Mary L. Kelly, b. 24 July 1809, d/o William Kelly, d. 29 Jan 1874. She's also buried at Morrison Cemetery. Their children:
- a) Mary Waggoner b. 7 Nov 1834 m. William R. Starcher.
 - b) Prudy Waggoner, b. 1839, m. 4 Oct 1860 Francis Taylor, b. Dec 1836.
 - c) Oliver Waggoner, b. 8 May 1843, d. 14 Mar 1919; m. 4 July 1867 to Pronetta Boram, b. 19 Feb 1848, d. 11 Feb 1918. Bur. Otterbine Cemetery.
 - d) Rebecca Waggoner, b. 13 Oct 1846, d. 23 Dec 1868.
 - e) John E. Waggoner, b. 27 July 1851, d. 28 Dec 1928. It appears that this John Waggoner was the last to be buried in the Morrison (Old Hacker) Cemetery. Ann Newman of Buckhannon found this obituary and passed it on to Joy:

"John Waggoner, died in a Weston hospital last Saturday. Services Sunday, burial in the Morrison cemetery near Berlin. Mr. Waggoner was the last surviving member of his family, and left no immediate relatives. He was born and reared in the Hackers Creek neighborhood." Weston Independent, Fri 4 Jan 1929.

His niece, Mildred Pringle, says that he worked with honey bees and was known as the "Bee Man".

5. Jacob Waggoner, b. ca 1810, d. between 1847-48; m. Catherine Bonnett, d/o Samuel and Martha (Radcliff) Bonnett in Lewis County 27 Jan 1831. Catherine was b. 5 Apr 1811. I have found only one daughter although the 1840 census of Lewis County shows three small girls. The one child that I have found was through information sent to me by Howard Peterson of Buckahnnon, W. Va. She is:

Martha O. Waggoner, b. 17 Feb 1838, d. 1 Mar 1914, m. 19 Dec 1860 to Jasper Peterson, b. 13 Dec 1839, d. 11 Apr 1903. Both are

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buried in the Peterson Cemetery at the Weston exit on I-79 in Lewis County. Their children: Laura, Blanche, Gertrude, Clara, Maggie, John Peterson Peterson, Jacob Waggoner Peterson, and two infant sons who d. young.

After Jacob's death, Catherine (Bonnett) Waggoner married a second time to Richard W. Alkins on 7 Aug 1849 in Lewis County. This marriage was a problem to me for a time, because I first thought that Richard's name was Ben Adkins. In fact, the name is registered as such in the Laurel Lick Cemetery reading in HCJ, Vol. I, Issue 5, page 140. Since the graves are unmarked, except for initialed sandstones, Hartzel Strader relied on a descendant of John and Mary (Kelly) Waggoner for information. After thinking it over, and after the cemetery listing was published, the informant remembered that Catherine's second husband was "Uncle Dick" and not "Uncle Ben." (Just to show how these things work, the informant, Mildred Pringle, gave the corrected information to Ed and Clara (Jett) Lawson who relayed it to Joy who relayed it to me. The error is no surprise, since at the most Mildred would have been a very small child when Uncle Dick died.) At last, with the proper information, I was certain that the Richard W. Alkins household on the 1850 Lewis County census was the correct information; and I was further certain that Catherine (Bonnett) (Waggoner) Alkins was buried between her two husbands.

Jacob Waggoner owned the farm where Laurel Lick Cemetery is located. He started burying his infant children there, later neighbors buried there. In November 1906, Francis and Prudy (Waggoner) Taylor deeded the cemetery to the trustees of the Laurel Lick Church. (HCJ, Vol. I, Issue 5, pg. 149)

The 1850 census further explains why I have been able to locate only one daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Bonnett) Waggoner; only one child, Martha, appears with her step-father in 1850. Therefore, the other two small children of Jacob and Catherine must have died by that time.

The 1850 census reads:

44/44 - Richards W. Alkins	age 32	male	blacksmith
Catherine	35	female	
Wm. H.	8	male	
John G.	5	male	
James W. Alkins	27	male	blacksmith

I do not know who or what became of Richard's first wife.

6. Catherine Waggoner, b. ca 1811, m. 28 Jan 1831 George Wallace Dobson. They may have lived in Roane or Wirt County, W. Va. According to Yvonne Shaffer Bennett and her father Virgil who just recently died in his 90's, George and Catherine had three children: Maria who m. John Wesley Shaffer (Virgil was their grandson), Oliver who d. young, and William S. who m. Mary Ellen Goff.

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7. George Waggoner, b. 4 Apr 1812, d. 17 Apr 1877, 65y, Om, 14d. Buried at Hersman Cemetery, Spencer, Roane County, W. Va; m. Melenda Cottrill who was b. 16 Nov 1813. Their children: Elijah, John, Rachel, Samuel, William, Susanna, George W., and Malinda.
8. William Waggoner, b. 9 July 1813, may have died 5 Apr 1895 at the age of 82 years. He married Malinda ?????
9. Susanna Waggoner, b. ca 1814, m. 16 Mar 1837 Martin Sims who was b. 12 June 1815 and d. 15 Feb 1882 in Roane County, W. Va. Their children: John W., Edward, Henry, Perry, Olive M., Mary L., Susanna E., and Martin L. Jr.
10. Meriah Waggoner, b. 21 Nov 1818, d. 13 July 1905, 87 years; m. 29 May 1840 to Andrew Cottrill, b. 1815 in Roane County. Children: Elizabeth, Gilbert, William, Sylvester, Lucretice, Susan, Nancy, Manirva, and Malinda.
11. Samuel Waggoner, b. ca 1820, m. 15 Mar 1840 to Nancy Garrison.
12. Margaret Waggoner. I have no record of Margaret who was mentioned in John's will.

At this time, this all the information I have on the children of the second family of John Waggoner. I have some lists of his great grandchildren that I will be glad to share, but I have the names only.

If you have additions or corrections to either this article or the one that appeared in the last issue; please write to me at 2060 W. 41st Street, Casper, Wyoming 82604.

JOHN WAGGONER'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION
APPLICATION

When the editor began to prepare these pages for this issue, she was in possession of three (3) separate copies of the application. The copy of the original court record was given to her by George Wagner of Route 1, Independence, W. Va. Although he is not a descendant of John Waggoner, he is interested in all the Waggoner/Wagner families in early Virginia. A transcription by ????? was sent to her by Glenn Warner of Weston who had named John Waggoner was one of his ancestors in his application to the Sons of the Revolution. A third copy was from Cris Waggoner. In an attempt at an honest transcription, the editor has checked all three copies and used the best word possible (as she could see it) where there was a discrepancy.

An interesting addition were the figures provided by Warner in his application. He found these in the "Third Biennial Report, West Virginia Department of Archives and History" by Lewis, page 95. Name: John Waggoner; Rank: Private; Annual Allowance: \$80.00; Sum Received: \$240.00; Description of Service: Virginia Militia; Place on Roll: May 18, 1833; Commencement of Pension: March 4, 1831; Age: 82.


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State of Virginia SS
Lewis County

On this 7th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Lewis County Court now sitting, John Waggoner, aged 80 years, a resident of Lewis County in the State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832--That he entered into the army of the United States under the following named officers and served as he states herein. He was born 14 miles from Philadelphia at a place called White marsh in the year 1752, his parents moved to Virginia in what is now Hardy County, was drafted to go a tour in the Virginia militia under Captain John Harness, Major Carroll Van Meter, Col. Riddle or Ruddie, marched to Big Beaver in the now State of Ohio, passed through a part of Pennsylvania, went to McIntosh's Fort, from thence to Tuscarawas and built a Fort there which was called Fort Laurens. He was permitted to return home at the end of tour 6 months and 15 days. He was discharged by the orderly Sergeant named Joseph Mall at a placed called McIntosh's Fort. There were in this expedition about 2200 men. This was in the year 1778, as he now thinks. He then removed to a place now in Preston County Va called Dunkard's Bottom on Cheat River. He was then called into the service by a draft or some such requisition and marched to Prickett's Fort on the Monongalia or Mongahala river - there he was kept for six months as an Indian Spie, his Captain's name was Owen Davy, his Col. was Col. Charles Martin - returned home having been discharged by his Captain Owen Davy. He was then in the Spring of 1781 drafted to go a tour as a Militia man. He marched to Richmond, then retreated up the country before the British, then returned, went to Williamsburg, thence to YorkTown in Va. where he was in the battle and at the capture of Lord Cornwallis, his officers were Capt. John or Thomas Neal, Col. Lewis, Genl. Stephens or Stevens. (He thinks Edward Stevens.) He went from York Town

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to a place 4 miles from Winchester in Va. with the prisoners taken at Yorktown. he guarded them three months and received his discharge from Capt. Neal, having been in the Service this time not less than nine months, returned home-- Then removed to this place where he now lives, this was in the Fall of 1782 as he now recollects he reenlisted as an Indian Spie under Edward Freeman and served three months, the term for which he enlisted, received his discharge. Then was ordered out under orders of Col. William Lowther to guard frontier, was stationed at West's Fort for a while, then went out as a Spie, was gone eleven days. The Indians killed his comrade John Bonnett. He continued as a Spie or ranging and searching parties until about the middle of May 1792. The celebrated Tecumseh with a party of Indians, came to his house on a branch of Hackers Creek where he yet lives. Tecumseh sent the other Indians to the house and fired at John Waggoner himself, this affiant, the ball passed through his sleeve without injuring him. Tecumseh dropped his gun and ran after him, Waggoner, but could not catch him, they killed his small son in the yard and scalped him, took his wife and six other children prisoners, started and about a mile from the house one of the children was found with its brains beaten out and scalped. A short distance further on was found Mrs. Waggoner and two other children were found dreadfully mangled and scalped and dead. One of his captive sons (Peter) was recognized in 1812 among the savages by an acquaintance of John Waggoner and brought in and still stays here, is now married, although he had a wife and a wife and several children amongst the Indians, one of his daughters soon escaped by way of Detroit, the other continued in captivity till the treaty with the Indians when she was given up to them.// His discharges were all destroyed in the general destruction of his property by the Indians. He has therefor no documentary evidence of his services during the Revolutionary war nor of his subsequent services. It may be that he can prove his services under Captain Freeman by Alexander West and David W. Sleeth. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

his
John  Waggoner
mark

The said John Waggoner being interrogated by the Court in the manner prescribed by the War Department answered the several interrogations propounded by that Department as follows:

1st. I was born in the year 1752 at a place called White Marsh about 14 miles from Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania according to accounts of my parents.

2^d. I have no record of my age.

3. I lived when first called into service in that part of Virginia called Hardy County, I think it was then Hampshire County.

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4th. I was drafted each campaign until the one under Captain Freeman, I then enlisted as a Spie. I served in all not less than twenty five months during the war.

5th. I can remember General McIntosh, his first name I never knew. I knew Col. Gibson too, this was in my first campaign. We left Col. Gibson at Fort Lawrens which we built on the bank of Tuscarawa river. In my second campaign I knew my own Col. and Col. David Morgan. He killed two Indians in this year and skinned and tanned their hides. The Indians were trying to capture two of Col. Morgan's children, viz., Stephen, about 16 years old and his daughter Sarah, about 14 years old, - Col. Morgan upwards of 60 years old. This was done in April 1779, as well as I can now recollect, in the immediate neighborhood of Prickett's Fort about 12 or 14 miles above Morgantown. In my third campaign I knew, or rather saw, Genl. La Fayette, Genl. Macklinberg, Genl. Stevens, Genl. A. Wayne, Genl. Lincoln and Genl. George Washington. General Lincoln marched the British Troops out to stack their arms. I saw and then heard the names of many other Field officers, whose names I have forgotten.

6th. I rec'd four discharges, all of them as I have already mentioned and were lost in the way I have stated when the Indians destroyed my family and property in 1792.

7. I know in my neighborhood John Mitchell, a Methodist preacher, an old man; Henry McWhorter, and Alexander West, old men; William Powers, too an old man. They can all testify as to my veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

John His
 ②
Mark Waggoner

We, John Mitchell, a Clergyman residing in the County of Lewis, and Mark Smith residing in said County of Lewis, and Alexander West residing in the said County of Lewis certify that we are well acquainted with John Waggoner who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 80 years of age and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion. The said Alexander West moreover certified reside in the County at the time of the killing of the applicants family as stated by him. We know it to be true we two are acquainted with his service as an Indian spy, but can not say how long he served.

signed John Mitchell clergeman

Mark His
 X
Mark Smith
Alexander his
 X West
 mark

And the said court do hereby certify and declair their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interagation prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it

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appears to them that John Mitchell who has signed the preceeding certificate is a clergyman presiding in the County of Lewis, and that Mark Smith and Alexander West who have also signed the same are residents in the said same County of Lewis. That John Mitchell is a Justice of the Peace in the said county and that Mitchell, Smith and West the above anmed are creditable persons and their statements are entitled to credit.

I John Talbutt, clerk of the Lewis County court do hereby certify that the forgoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of John Waggoner for a pension. In testimony inhereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal (I have not been furnished with a offical seal) this 7th day of August 1832.

(signed) J. Talbott

I hereby certify that John Talbutt is clerk of the county court of Lewis in Va. and that his signature annexed is in his own handwritting.

Dec 16th 1832, signed Lewis Maxwell

FORT LAURENS
by
Joy Gilchrist

July 4, 1984 - The 208th anniversary of our nation's birth. I was working on the John Waggoner story for this issue. It was a holiday and we were driving up I-77 in Ohio enroute to the family celebration in Akron.

As we drove through Dover, Ohio, I was transcribing John's pension papers. I was still working on them as we approached the village of Bolivar and spotted the large American flag flying over Fort Laurens, the site of some of John's service. What better time to stop than now? I told Chuck, "Just 20 minutes." Our timing was perfect.

From the 1750's until Ohio became the sixteenth state in 1803, lands on the west bank of the Ohio River were the staging ground of bitter conflicts between whites and Indians. Those who have read Chronicles of Border Warfare and other local histories will realize that many of the men engaged in the conflict were Virginians - with many being from the Hacker's Creek area. There was John Waggoner, the Hacker brothers (John and William), Elias and Jesse Hughes, William Lowther, and many others.

In 1754 the French and their Indian allied captured the partially completed Fort Pitt being built by the English at the forks of the Ohio and renamed it Fort Duquesne. Lt. Col. George Washington who was in command of a detachment of Virginia volunteers charged with the task of clearing a wagon trail between the frontier and the fort, was compeled to erect a stockade at Great Meadows and to prepare for an expected French attack. On July 3, 1754, the opening battle of the French and Indian War was fought at the site. The following day Washington's forces abandoned Fort Necessity with the full honors of war.

In quick succession a number of forts were erected by both sides and attempts were made by the British to recapture Fort Duquesne at a high cost of men and materials. A series of victories in the north in 1759 and 1760 guaranteed British control over Ohio lands, and at the Treaty of Paris, Ohio and Canada were transferred to the British. (Gramly, p. 3)

With open hostility of the Franch and Indian War ended, major military posts on the frontier were abandoned and the frontiersmen in Pennsylvania and Virginia were left unprotected from the parties of marauding Indians.

Under the leadership of Chief Pontiac in 1762, the Delaware, Shawnee and other Indians of the Ohio country determined to wipe out the occupation by the white man of lands west of the Alleghenies. There were twelve forts in the Trans-Allegheny territory; of these, nine were taken by Pontiacs Indians during 1762 and 1763, and the whites not put to death were carried into captivity.

The three forts not taken were Ligonier, Bedford, and Fort Pitt. However, in 1763, after the Indians had laid seige to Fort Pitt, Col. Henry Bouquet was instructed to march from Philadelphia in relief of the fort.

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Three hundred men deserted at Carlisle. In August he met the combined Indian force at Bushy Run, four days march from Fort Pitt. They fought for two days and two nights. The Indians lost and retreated to their homes in Ohio country; Bouquet proceeded to Fort Pitt with his shattered garrison and spent the next year in recovery there. (Mitchener, pg. 70-72.)

In October 1764, Bouquet made an attempt to quell the Indian threat forever. He led an expeditionary force of 1500 Pennsylvanians and Virginians on a campaign to Ohio country. He travelled the Great Trail from Fort Pitt. At the very point where the Great Trail forked, the northern fork going to Detroit via Fort Sandusky and the southern fork heading for Goshackgunk (Coshocton, Ohio) and beyond, Bouquet built a blockhouse. The blockhouse was erected to store provisions and to protect Bouquet's line of communications while he marched his army to the forks of the Muskingum at Goshackgunk to punish and force the Shawnee and other Indians to sue for peace. A garrison of fifty, commanded by a Capt. Schlosser held the blockhouse for a month. On 18 Nov 1764, having treated with the Indians and receiving from them 206 captive whites with the promise of 100 more to be returned in the spring of 1765, Bouquet decamped from the forks of the Muskingum and marched for Fort Pitt, stopping long enough at the blockhouse to gather the 50 men garrisoned there. Bouquet and his force reached Fort Pitt on 28 Nov 1764. (Mitchener, pg. 70, 78.)

Of the 206 white captives who were returned, 32 men and boys and 58 women and girls belonged to Virginia; 49 men and boys and 67 females were Pennsylvanians.

When Bouquet returned to Fort Pitt, he ended the first chapter in the recorded history of the site that was to become Fort Laurens.

The exact location of Bouquet's blockhouse at Fort Laurens is not certain, although 1972-73 excavations led by Richard Gramly indicate that it was about 80 feet southwest of the Fort Laurens perimeter. No artifacts were discovered that could be attributed to Bouquet's occupation of the site.

Richard Gramly was one of the reasons why the timing of our visit to Fort Laurens was so perfect.

As we approached this Ohio Historical Society site, the first thing we spotted was a tent canopy with a large American flag hanging from its side. Several people stood in and around the canopy and they were watching a man digging down in a hole. We stopped and went over for a look-see.

I peered down into the hole and viewed a skeleton. Speaking to the man who was digging, I told him about John Waggoner and my interest in Fort Laurens. Before I knew it, he introduced himself as Dr. Richard Gramly who had written the original book about the Fort Laurens excavations and then introduced us to Ed Richard of the Fort Laurens Research and Restoration Committee and Tom Piepper who has written much about Fort Laurens.

We learned that they were excavating the burial place of one of the soldiers who had died at Fort Laurens during its occupation in 1779.

Fort Laurens was built in November 1778 by an expedition led by General Lachlan McIntosh. The expedition was comprised of companies of the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment and the 13th/9th Virginia Infantry Regiment, forty North Carolina Dragoons and a portion of another North Carolina brigade, militia from the western Virginia counties (including John Waggoner), Delaware Indian scouts and provisioners, a few French officers and camp followers. The expedition occupied 58 acres at the site until the main body returned to Fort Pitt on 9 Dec 1779 leaving behind a garrison of 181 men. (Gramly, p. 7-8.)

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Much had happened since Bouquet's first expedition into the Ohio country in 1765. Bands of Indians continued to carry off the white settlers who were moving west in ever increasing numbers. Just four years after Bouquet returned to Fort Pitt, John Hacker, John, George and Edward Jackson, and Alexander and Thomas Sleeth, were led to Buckhannon by the Pringle brothers.

In 1774 the Virginia government sent out 1000 men under Lord Dunmore to again chastise the Ohio Indians. There is not room in this space to go into the whys and wherefores of Dunmores War except to say that again the Virginians were called upon to go to battle and were soundly defeated. Dunmores War has been called the beginning of the Revolution.

In September 1775, a Tory trader, Nicholas Cresswall, and companions visited the Bouquet blockhouse and found it demolished. It was probably destroyed by Delaware Indians who lived along the Tuscarawas. (Gramly, p. 7)

On July 4, 1776, the United States declared its Independence and the war between the colonies and Britain began.

The British stronghold in the west was at Detroit - and then there was the fort at Sandusky. To aid that portion of the western Indians who had joined the American Colonies, as well as to punish those who were continually raiding on the Ohio and killing settlers of western Pennsylvania and Virginia, under the instigation of the British at Detroit, Congress, by resolution, early in 1778, appropriated \$900,000 to fit out an expedition intended to penetrate the Indian country. (Mitchener, pg. 129.)

General Washington chose General Lachlan McIntosh to command the expedition. On 5 Nov 1778 McIntosh, with his 2200 men (according to Waggoner's petition), set out from Fort Pitt for Ohio country to erect a series of forts to supply troops who would operate against the Indians and British at Sandusky and Detroit.

They marched to the mouth of Beaver River on the Ohio River and erected Fort McIntosh, the first fort to be built west of the Ohio. On 3 Nov 1778, he received word that the Indians intended to oppose his march at Sugar Creek in the present day county of Tuscarawas. On the 5th his army set out for the site of the old Bouquet blockhouse.

The march took 14 days because of the many obstacles he met. On 27 Apr 1779, McIntosh gave an account of what he had done in a letter to General Washington.

"Camp (Pittsburgh), April 27, 1779

"Sir: In obedience to your Excellency's desire, I am to inform you of the situation of the several posts west of the mountains, and will add the reasons for establishing them which may enable you to judge the better of their propriety.

"When I went there first I found Fort Pitt on the fork of the Ohio, Fort Randolph at the point or mouth of Great Kenhawa, three hundred miles down the Ohio River, and Fort Hand on the Kiskiminatis, fixed stations and garrisoned by Continental troops; and they are still kept up, as there is an independent company raised upon the application of Colonel George Morgan for the sole purpose of maintaining each, and would not weaken the force I had to carry on the expedition. Besides there, there were thirty or forty other little stations or forts, at different times garrisoned by militia, between Wheeling and Pittsburgh, upon the waters of the Monongahela, the Kiskiminatis, and in the interior parts of the settlements, which were frequently altered, kept, or excavated, according

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to the humors, fears, or interest of the people of most influence, which General Hand was obliged to comply with, as his chief dependence was upon militia. Those I endeavored to break up as soon as I could, without giving too much offense to people whose assistance I so much required, as they were very expensive and of little service, and that end authorized the lieutenants of Monongahela and Ohio counties to raise a ranging company jointly, of one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, three sergeants, three corporals, and fifty-four privates, to scout continually the Ohio River from Beaver Creek downward, where the Indians usually crossed to annoy these two counties, and would secure them equally alike; and the lieutenant of Westmoreland County to raise two such companies to secure their frontiers and protect them from scalping parties of the Mingoes or northern Indians, which would render their little force useless and keep our regulars entire for other occasions.

"I found, also, upon inquiry, a number of stores or magazines of provisions, built at public expense by our purchasing commissary, at great distances, difficult of access, and scattered throughout all the counties which required a number of men at each for commissaries, coopers, packers, guards, &c. These I also discharged and gave the stores up, as, by report of a court of inquiry, all the provisions in them which were intended for an expedition proved to be spoiled and altogether useless through neglect, and in place of them I had one general storehouse built by a fatigue party, in the fork of the Monongahela River, where all loads from over the mountains are now discharged without crossing any considerable branch of any river, and can be carried from thence at any season, either by land or water, to Big Beaver Creek, to which place I opened a road and built a strong post with barracks and stores, by fatigues of whole line upon the Indian shore of the Ohio River, for the reception of all our stores, clear of all ferries and incumbrances while our troops and supplies were coming up, and in case I was disappointed in both. I had many reasons to apprehend it would secure a footing so far advanced into the enemies' country, and enable me to be better prepared for another attempt, and show them we were in earnest.

"So late as the 3d of November, Mr. Lockhart appeared at Beaver with the cattle extremely poor, after driving them four or five hundred miles, meeting with many obstacles, and could not slaughter them for want of salt. The same day I received a message from the savages, reproaching our tardiness, and threatening that all their nations would join to oppose my progress to Detroit at Sugar Creek, a few miles below Tuscarawas, where they intended giving me battle.

"Immediately upon this intelligence I ordered twelve hundred men to be ready to march, though we had but four weeks' flour, which Mr. Lockhart fortunately brought with him, and left Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell with the rest of the troops at Beaver, to escort and send after me the long-looked for supplies, so repeatedly promised by our deputy quartermaster-general, Mr. Steel, when they arrived, and in the meantime to finish the fort and stores.

"We were fourteen days upon our march, about seventy miles, to Tuscarawas, as our horses and cattle tired every four or five miles from our first setting out, and were met there only by some Cochecking Delawares and Moravians (Indians), who informed me that the Chippewas and Ottawas refused to join the other Indians, upon which their hearts failed them, and none came to oppose our march. But unfortunately a letter by express from Lieutenant-Colonel

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Campbell, a little afterward, informed me that no supplies came yet, and we had very little to expect during the winter, nor could he get the staff to account for, or give any reasons for their neglect and deficiencies, which disappointed all my flattering prospects and schemes, and left me no other alternative than either to march back as I came without effecting any valuable purpose, for which the world would justly reflect upon me after so much expense, and confirm the savages in the opinion the enemy inculcates of our weakness, and unite all of them to a man against us, or to build a strong stockade fort upon the Muskingum, and leave as many men as our provisions would allow to secure it until the next season, and to serve as a bridle upon the savages in the heart of their own country; which last I chose, with the unanimous approbation of my principal officers, and we were employed upon it while our provisions lasted.

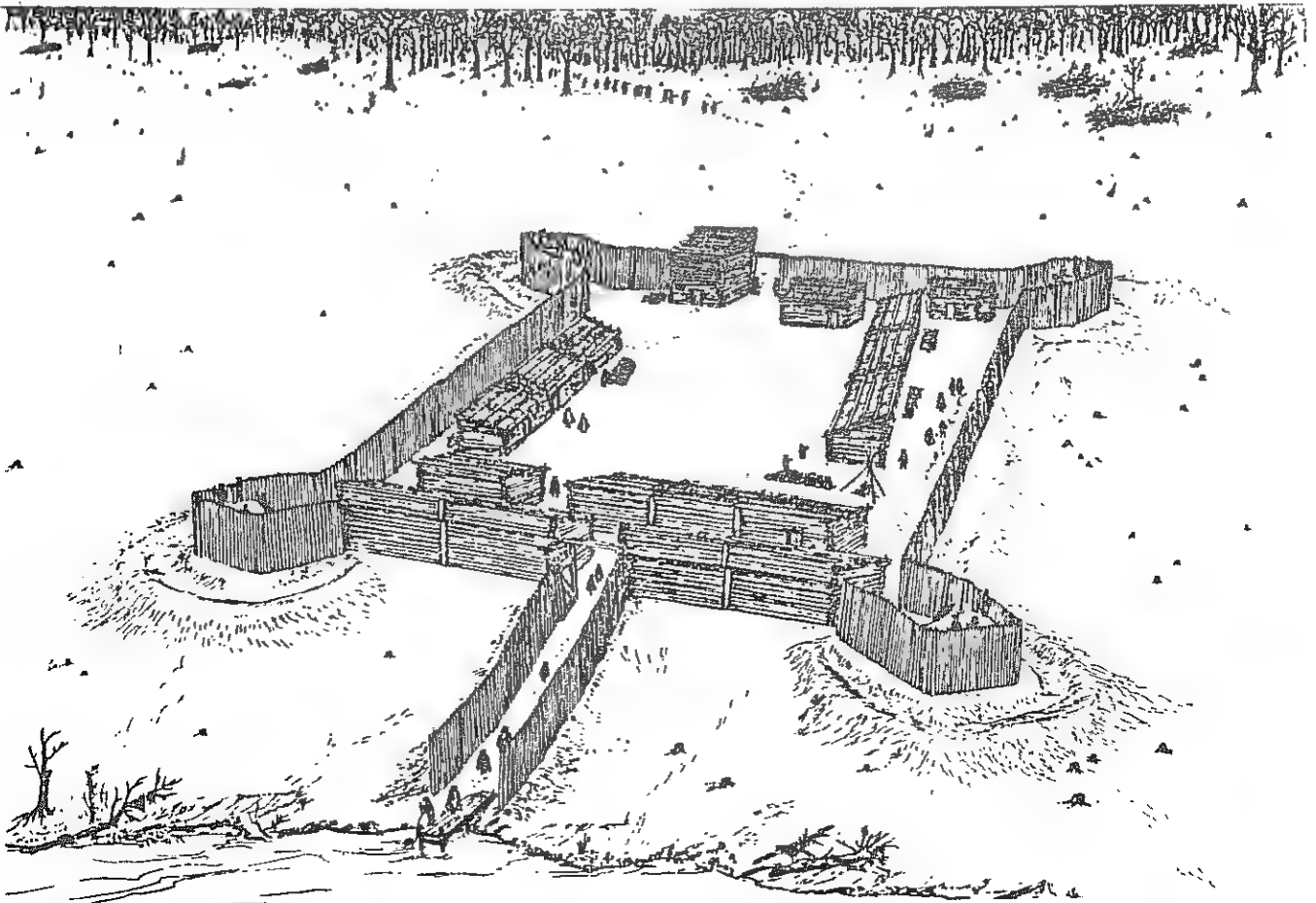
"I have the honor to be your Excellency's most obedient and humble servant,
Lachlan McIntosh"

(Mitchener, p. 130-133)

Having decided to abandon his campaign till spring, McIntosh ordered the fort to be erected.

Construction of the fort was begun on 19 Nov 1778, the day after the expedition's arrival at the Bouquet blockhouse site.

The fort was square with a pentagonal bastion at every corner. It was stockaded with split logs on three sides, and the side nearest the river apparently was formed by a range of cabins and a granary. The stockade enclosed about one acre. The interior was nearly filled with cabins and other structures.



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Today, the outline of the fort is visible because after the excavation in 1972-3, a ditch was left following the walls. The eastern side of the fort was destroyed in 1832 with the construction of the Ohio Erie Canal and now 1477 is in the same location.

Anyone with further interests in the fort construction and the excavations there, are advised to read: Fort Laurens 1778-9, The Archaeological Record by Richard Michael Gramley. It is available by writing the Ohio Historical Society, % Ft. Laurens, Bolivar, Ohio. The price is \$5.

On 9 Dec 1778, the militia and North Carolina detachments (according to John's petition he was among the militia) departed leaving behind the partially finished stockade garrisoned by 181 men under the command of Col. John Gibson.

These 181 suffered considerably from the Ohio winter. The lack of nails prevented the hanging of doors on the barracks until late January. The problems of provisioning Ft. Laurens were great. Food, clothing and other stores were scarce on the frontier in 1778-9 and the demands were a constant drain. The supply route was long and dangerous from Fort Pitt. The friendly Delawares kept them partially supplied with fresh meat but often as not hunting and fishing parties were set upon by the hostiles in the area.

Although few would question that rank has its privileges, few would also deny that there should be some fairness in this. In December 1778, the ranks (was John among them?) complained that the officers ate too much fresh meat and threatened mutiny. This fact is supported by the archaeological excavations which indicate that the rank-and-file dined on fresh game only half as often as the officers.

Col. Gibson restored order of the threatened mutiny. A man of considerable stature and a frontiersman like those of the rank-and-file, he was aware of the spirit and independence of his men.

Inadequate diet and poor living conditions seriously weakened the garrison and the men were driven to boil moccasin leather for soup and to eat herbs and roots. Experimentation with unfamiliar food resulted in the death of two soldiers.

Doctor Philip Doddridge in his "Notes", published about 1824 says this about Fort Laurens:

"Sometime after the completion of the fort the general returned with his army to Fort Pitt, leaving Colonel John Gibson, with a command of one hundred and fifty men to protect the fort until spring. The Indians were soon acquainted with the existence of the fort. The first annoyance the garrison received from the Indians was some time in the month of January. In the night time they caught most of the horses belonging to the fort, and, taking them off some distance in the woods, they took off their bells and formed an ambushade by the side of a path, leading through high grass of a prairie at a little distance from the fort. In the morning the Indians rattled the horse bells at the further end of the line of the ambushade. The plan succeeded. A fatigue of sixteen men went out for the horses and fell into the snare. Fourteen were killed on the spot, two were taken prisoners, one of whom was given up at the close of the war, the other was never afterward heard of.

"General Benjamin Biggs, then a captain in the fort, being an officer of the day, requested leave of the colonel to go out with the fatigue party which fell into the ambushade. 'No,' said the colonel, 'this fatigue party does not belong to the captain's command. When I shall have occasion to

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employ one of that number I shall be thankful for your service, at present you must attend to your duty in the fort.' On what trivial circumstances do life and death sometimes depend.

"In the evening of the day of the ambushade the whole Indian army, in full war dress and painted, marched in single file through a prairie in view of the fort. Their number, as counted from one of the bastions, was eight hundred and forty-seven. They then took up their encampment on an elevated piece of ground at a small distance from the fort, on the opposite side of the river. From this camp they frequently held conversations with the people of our garrison. In these conversations they seemed to deplore long continuance of the war and hoped for peace, but were much exasperated at the Americans for attempting to penetrate so far into their country. This great body of Indians contined the investment of the fort as long as they could obtain subsistence, which was about six weeks.

"An old Indian of the name of John Thompson, who was with the American army in the fort, frequently went out among the Indians during their stay at their encampment, with the nutual consent of both parties. A short time before the Indians left the place they sent word to Col. Gibson by the Indian that they were desirous of peace, and if he would send them a barrel of flour they would send in their proposals the next day, but although the colonel complied with their request, they marched off without fulfilling their engagement.

"The commander, supposing the whole number of the Indians had gone off, gave permission to Colonel Clark, of the Pennsylvania line, to escort the invalids, to the number of eleven or twelve, to Fort McIntosh. The whole number of this detachment was fifteen. The wary Indians had left a party behind for the purpose of doing mischief. These attacked this party of invalids and their escort about three miles from the fort, and killed the whole of them, with the exception of four, among whom was the captain, who ran back to the fort. On the same day a detachment went out from the fort, brought in the dead, and buried them with the honors of war in front of the fort gate.

"In three or four days after this disaster a relief of seven hundred men, under General McIntosh, arrived at the fort with a supply of provisions, a great part of which was lost by an untoward accident. When the relief had reached within a hundred yards of the fort, the garrison gave them a salute of a general discharge of musketry, at the report of which the pack-horses took fright, broke loose, and scattered the provisions in every direction through the woods, so that the greater part of it could never be recovered again.

"Among other transactions which took place about this time was that of gathering up the remains of the fourteen men, who had fallen in the ambushade during the winter, for interment, and which could not be done during the investment of the place by the Indians. They were found mostly devoured by the wolves. The fatigue party dug a pit large enough to contain the remains of all of them, and after depositing them in the pit, merely covering them with a little earth, with a view to have revenge on the wolves for devouring their companions, they covered the pit with slender sticks, rotten wood, and bits of bark, not of sufficient strength to bear the weight of a wolf. On the top of this covering they placed a piece of meat as a bait for the wolves. The next morning seven of them were found in the pit; they were shot, and

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the pit filled up.

"For about two weeks before the relief arrived, the garrison had been put on the short allowance of half a pound of sour flour, and an equal weight of stinking meat for every two days. The greater part of the last week they had nothing to subsist on but such roots as they could find in the woodstand prairies, and raw hides. Two men lost their lives by eating wild parsnip roots by mistake. Four more nearly shared the same fate, but were saved by medical aid.

"On the evening of the arrival of the relief, two day's rations were issued to each man in the fort. These rations were intended as their allowance during their march to Fort McIntosh, but many of the men, supposing them to have been back rations, eat up the whole of their allowance before the next morning. In consequence of this imprudence in eating immoderately, after such extreme starvation from the want of provisions, about forty of the men became faint and sick during the first day's march. On the second day, however, the sufferers were met by a great number of their friends from the settlements to which they belonged, by whom they were amply supplied with provisions." (Mitchener, p. 133-136.)

Colonel John Gibson and his men were relieved in March 1779 by Major Vernon and the 8th Pennsylvania. Vernon and his men remained at Fort Laurens until mid June when they were replaced by a detachment of the 13th/9th Virginia and a unit seconded to it from the Maryland Regiment. On 2 Aug 1780, this garrison withdrew to Fort Pitt and the fort abandoned. It was never reoccupied.

The fort was burned in July 1780 by a party of Indians enroute to Fort Pitt, according to a diary of Rev. David Zeisberger, founder of the Moravian mission at Schoenbruen upriver from Fort Laurens. However, some of it remained for in 1782 an escaped Indian captive named Carpenter spent a night there and found much of the fort still standing and habitable.

In all either 24 or 16 men died in service at Fort Laurens. The exact body count hinges upon the number buried in the mass grave with the wolves.

The fort eventually disappeared but its location was sufficiently well known for it to serve as one of the boundary points for the division of Indians lands by the Treaty of Green Ville in August 1795.

The story of Green Ville is a story in itself. With participants from "our" area and its implications upon "our" families, it deserves to be told in a future issue of the Hacker's Creek Journal.

Our "only 20 minutes" stop at Fort Laurens stretched to an hour and a half. We viewed the fort site, visited the museum and saw the slide show, and had a "feel" for what life must have been for John Waggoner in his service at Fort Laurens.

Our last stop before leaving the fort was the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution which pays lasting tribute to the courage and perservance of those who fought and died during our struggle for independence. Established in 1976 by the Ohio Historical Society and Ohio Bicentennial Commission, the tomb contains the remains of one of the unknown defenders of Fort Laurens. The young man whose skeletal remains were excavated by Gramley was laid to rest with full military honors from the National Guard in 1976.

As we left the fort on Independence Day 1984, I said to Chuck, "What luck! To think that we chose this day to stop for the first time, when we've passed the sight countless times and lived within 10 miles for 15 years. I think ol' John must have been looking over our shoulder, don't you." He agreed. Do you?

Descendants of the French Creek Pioneers

Dear friends and descendants of the French Creek Pioneers,

The bi-annual meeting of the descendants of the French Creek Pioneers will be held this year, as in the past, on the third weekend in August - August 18th and 19th - at the French Creek Presbyterian Church.

The weekend will begin with our traditional Bean Supper which will be held on Saturday evening, August 18. French Armstrong will direct the cooking of the beans and ham in our great iron kettle. We expect to have an abundance of other good things to eat also.

Next, on Saturday evening after the Bean Supper we will be entertained, by popular request, by a barbershop chorus, the Mountaineers Barbershop Chorus of Fairmont, WV.

Sunday morning, August 19, there will be a religious service in the church at 11 AM with the Rev. Mrs. Barbara A.J. Thursby in charge and the message to be given by the Rev. Thomas Bickerton, a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College who served a few years ago as minister of the French Creek United Methodist Church. Rev. Bickerton is now serving at Shady Springs Methodist Church in southern West Virginia. We feel fortunate to have him with us again.

Following the worship service will be our covered dish picnic dinner. We expect our people, as usual, to weigh down our table with delectables. Keep in mind, however, if you are not in a position to bring a covered dish, come anyway.

Sunday, after our picnic, we will have a business meeting to hear our secretary and treasurer's report and elect new officers for 1985-1986. Following the meeting, Mrs. Bond Davis, a well-respected historian and speaker from Salem, will speak to us about the "Legacy of French Creek."

We hope you'll make arrangements to come and help carry on the old tradition of celebrating our venerable ancestors and their development of a proud community.

Your President for 1984,

Kay Klausewitz

Kay Klausewitz

*Looks like
we're not the only
ones with the
idea! - Kay*

June 1, 1984

Dear Friends,

Please send me copies of any organized geneological records you have. Also, if you have additional copies of the early issues of The Pioneer which you would be willing to sell or donate, please let me know.

If you plan to attend the meeting, there is no need to pay in advance. However, if you cannot attend or want reprints or back issues of The Pioneer, please mail your check together with the blank below.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bly Hoover

Virginia Bly Hoover, Secretary

Make checks to Lois V. Ours, Treasurer. Mail to Mrs. Glenn Ours, 135 Randolph Street, Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201.

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A DEATH IN WESTON IN 1834

"Communicated.

DIED. - In Weston, Lewis county, Va., on Sunday the 7th inst., at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. NICHOLAS MADERA, Sen., of this place (Morgantown), aged 71 years and 9 months. He has been long a resident of Morgantown, and none was better known, none more highly respected-distinguished for his humanity, his hospitality, his honesty, his attachment to his friends, his devotion to his family. Whose firmness as a patriot-whose affection as a husband-whose tenderness as a parent, conspire to form a brilliancy of character, which renders his memory dear to his acquaintance, and transmits to his progeny the richest boon which paternal liberality can bestow.

Our friend is dead-his memory lives;
His well known virtues still
Steel from the eye the tear that gives
Relief from human ill.
Born but to die, his vital breath
Forever hence has fled,
He's sunk beneath the stroke of death
And number'd with the dead.
Clad in the shades of ceaseless night
His lifeless body lies;
His soul has reach'd the realms of light,
Where blissfull anthems rise."

Found on a roll of microfilm of "The Monongalia Farmer", a Morgantown newspaper, dated 13 Sept 1834, by Joy Gilchrist. Who was Mr. Nicholas Madera's son-in-law?

TWO OBITUARIES FROM "THE MONONGALIA CHRONICLE" of NOVEMBER 26, 1825

"Obituary

It is with painful regret that we have to record the death of a valuable and much esteemed citizen of Harrison County.

Died at his residence in Bridgeport, on Saturday evening, the 3d inst, Jedidiah W. Goff, Esq. after a painful illness of fifteen days in the 38th year of his age.

Mr. Goff has been a member of the Legislature at intervals for a number of years past, and was again elected last Spring.---Death, whose ruthless arm spareth none, has snatched him from time to eternity.

He has left a wife, three children, numerous connexions and friends, to survive him in mourning."

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DIED

At Clarksburg, on Friday evening the 2d of December 1825, in the 17th year of his age, William P. F. Sommerville, a student of Medicine, and son of Col. John Sommerville.

Mr. S. was a young gentleman of very amiable qualities, and of considerable promise; who bore his long illness with commedible patience, resigned to that dispensation in which "It is appointed for all men once to die," surrounded with affectionate and regretting friends and acquaintances."

A LETTER FROM BOB SWISHER

A letter to Joy and Betty of 8 Mar 1984 from Robert Edward Swisher, author of THE SWISHER FAMILY OF HARRISON AND LEWIS COUNTIES WEST VIRGINIA, contains some information that might be of interest to some of you.

Bob became a member of HCPD in exchange for a copy of his book. The book is in the HCPD library.

He had this to say about several other things:

"I was interested to hear about your Morrison cemetery project. Virginia Swisher may have some old pictures that you could use for the book. I haven't seen her for about 6 years and I don't know the state of her health (she had been sick a while back, I had heard). It would probably be more productive for you to visit her in person than to ask her to write back to you. Don't forget that some people's idea of cleaning up an old cemetery is to get rid of fallen stones and fragments of stones as well as to clear out brush, so your instructions to anyone involved in perpetual care should be very explicit, I suggest.

"Regarding the Pennsylvania "Dutch"-style gravestones in the Morrison, Harmony, Broad Run, and Old Hill cemeteries - in my footnote about these (n. 4, p. 19, Early Swisher & Switzer Families) I should have warned people not to attempt rubbings from these because most of the stones are brittle sandstone and the designs could flake away at a touch. The cover of Early Swisher & Switzer Families is from a rubbing but I justify what I did (fortunately, the stone was not damaged in the process) by the fact that I shared the result with a large group of people. This group of Pennsylvania "Dutch"-style stones is rare, if not unique, in W. Va. and is very important.

"Anybody who is writing about the Hackers should check the Draper Papers at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. I don't know much about these but my feeling is that they are probably an unappreciated goldmine of information. I may be wrong about this, but I vaguely recall that a catalogue of the papers has been published and that the papers themselves are on microfilm (and if so, probably at a number of libraries).

"Regarding the Hacker-Swisher farm--A year or so ago Pauline Daugherty called me and graciously offered to give me the old woodwork (including a mantel?-- I vaguely recall that) she had removed from the Lewis D. Swisher house. I declined her generous offer for various reasons. If she has not yet disposed of the woodwork, she might give it to a descendant or other interested person. . . . Also, in regards to the stone 1781 (see my report to the W. Va. SHPO on the Hacker-Swisher farm, p. 1, paragraph 2, lines 8-11), Mrs. Daugherty mentioned that the stone says HEAR (a mis-spelling of "here"?) and not HEA. Also, the "circus ring" formation may have indicated the site of jus a(n Indian) campground rather than a palisaded village.

"If you choose to review or just to mention The Swisher Family of Harrison & Lewis Counties in the HCJ, please let readers know that I still have some copies left and that they are \$12.56 each, postpaid (checks should be payable to Robert E. Swisher). Also, if you care to, you can mention in the HCJ the Swisher genealogy I am working on now; if you do, please mention the scope of the project. I would particularly like to hear from anybody who has access to any old Swisher family Bible and would be grateful for photocopies of the vital data and title pages and to be told a little about the Bible itself and the people who have owned it.

A Letter from Bob Swisher - cont.

"An article you might want to tell readers of the HCJ about: "Problems and Resources in Pennsylvania German Genealogical Research" by Don Yoder, in The Pa. Genealogical Magazine, vol. XXXI, no. 1 (1979).

"Regarding the Regers-- the Hyres, the Regers (the original spelling was Ruger or Rueger), and the Shobes all came from the same village in Switzerland, all came over together; and all settled together, first in Berks Co., Pa., and then in the South Branch Valley of what is now the eastern panhandle of W. Va. The story is told in my 1977 hard-cover book The Hyres of W. Va.; what I wrote in chapter 1 was mostly (not solely) from Albert Bernhardt Faust's Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies. Reger is of course a Hacker's Creek name. Since the story of the earliest Regers is "buried" in a book about the Hyres, I wouldn't be surprised if Reger genealogists don't know about it. I presume there are people working on Reger genealogy but I've never heard from any; as far as I know, I myself am not a Reger descendant. I still have a few copies of "The Hyres of W. Va." and they are \$7.65 each, postpaid."

"Best"
Bob

RESEARCH IN RHYME

I started out calmly tracing my tree
To find, if I could, the makings of me
And all that I had was great grandfather's name
Not knowing his wife or from which way he came
I chased him across a long line of states
And came up with pages and pages of dates
When all put together it made me forlorn
I'd proved poor great grandpa had never been born
One day I was sure the "truth" I had found
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down
I looked up the records of one Uncle John
But found the old man to be younger than son
Then when my hopes were fast growing dim
I came across records that must have been him
The facts I collected then made me quite sad
Dear old Great-Grandfather was never a dad
I think maybe someone is pulling my leg
I'm not all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree
I can't help but wonder if I'm really me.

- Mrs. Charles Dean
Stevens Point, Wisc.

Sent to Joy by Marian Challenger to "make me smile."

QUERIES

Queries should be submitted to Joy Gilchrist, 22406 S.R. 751, West Lafayette, Oh 43845. Members are entitled to unlimited queries. Non-members will pay \$3.00 for each query.

1. Valentine EFOST/POST, b. 1740, d. 27 Oct 1800, Hardy Co., (W.) Va.; m. Barbara ?, b. 17 Jan 1751, d. after the 1830 Census of Mason Co. (W.) Va., in Mason/Jackson Co. Need the maiden name of Barbara and any other info. Doris P. POINSETT, 5920 31st Place, NW, Washington, DC 20015. Ph 202-362-0358
2. Lewis County, W. Va., census 1900 lists John LEASEBURG, wife Amanda, dau. Ida M., son Emery and another dau. Flora D. I would like any information on this family and to hear from any descendants. Nancy ALLMAN, 4719 Sayre Avenue, Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101
3. Need information on MORTON, HOUGHTON, McCLAIN, GODFREY, RIDDLE, KUHL, RUTHERFORD, GAINER, WRIGHT, BOGGS, McCOY. Mrs. Christine MORRIS, 1288 W. Oakland, Chandler, AZ 85224.
4. Seeking info. Henry CURTIS, b. 1824, m. Prudence WARNER, d/o James WARNER, in 1848 in Lewis County. James WARNER, b. 1802. Elva C. NALLY, 141 Fairview Drive, New Martinsville, W. Va. 26155
5. In working on John and Jane RADCLIFF STARCHER history, find that in the will of William RADCLIFF he spells her name as Jane STATSOR. Does any one know if she was his daughter or am I barking up the wrong tree? Any info on STARCHER, RADCLIFFS, HINZMAN, & RINEHART will help. Will share any I have. Harold and Joan CORATHERS KENNEDY, 337 Cottage Street, Weston, W. Va. 26452.
6. James Daniel DUNCAN, b. Hackers Valley, Dec 1885-1886, s/o Henry DUNCAN. 1900 census shows James living as a boarder w/ George and Irene RIBLET in Kanawha Co., W. Va. James m. Belshaba BARNHOUSE. Seeking info and some one to help w/ research in W. Va. Pam J. DUNCAN, 1111 W. Francis Street, #H, Ontario, Calif. 91761.
7. Seeking information regarding Catherine BELL a/k/a Catherine WEAVER (b.1793, (W)Va. and Ezekiel MOUNT. Marriage Bond appears in 1809, Harrison County, (W)Va. between Ezekiel MOUNT and John MARPOLE, Guardian of Catherine BELL. This John Abram MARP(O)LE had married Barbary WEAVER, d/o Henry WEAVER, Sr. and Catherine (FAUST/FAST)WEAVER and step-daughter of Nancy (BEALL) WEAVER, in 1794 in Monongalia County and later resided in the Hacker's Creek area of Lewis County. Ezekiel and Catherine (BELL/WEAVER) MOUNT moved to Wood Co., W. Va. Ezekiel's military pension application states that Catherine's maiden name was WEAVER (rather than BELL as on Marriage Bond), as do other family mementoes. Children of Ezekiel and Catherine (BELL/WEAVER) MOUNT are: Prudence (FARNSWORTH); Benjamin; Barbara (DEEM); Humphrey (Catherine); Sarah (THORNTON); Cassandera (Hiram); Ezekiel; George B. (Catherine); Mary/Polly (KUTTER); Angeline; John; Amanda (MORTON); Catherine (BENNETT); Hannah (HOWELL); Wm. Dexter; Hester. Iris Lamber HALL, 2819 5th Avenue, Pueblo, Colo. 81003.

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8. Researching Wm. RADCLIFF/RATCLIFF, b. ca 1759, s. was Jesse RATCLIFF who m. Sarah BUTCHER, d/o John Anderson BUTCHER and Christina ALKIRE. Said Butchers had their own s. named Jesse who m. a Lucinda BONNETT, gd/o a Wm. RADCLIFF. They must be two different people as latter RADCLIFF died in Wood Co. ca 1827 and former was still alive in 1847 according to his Rev. War papers. Are these two men related in any way? Former was the s/o a Stephen RADCLIFF. Desire to correspond w/anyone researching this family. Ann SANDLER, 8921 Grant, Overland Park, Ks 66212.
9. William BONNETT m. Barbara HARPOLD in Harrison Co. 5 Mar 1799. William was father of Margaret BONNETT, who m. William CARNEY, s/o Thomas CARNEY, from the Buckhannon area. Margaret b. ca 1796. Was William m. before he married Barbara, and to whom? Mrs. Marieda (DERRICK) EDENS, 656 Gordon Dr., Charleston, WV 25314
10. Seeking info and descendants of John S. and Mahalia (JOHNSON) WILLIAMS of Weston, Lewis Co., WV, ca 1817 to 1880. Who were their parents? John and Mahalia m. 7 June 1838. Their children: Elizabeth Jane, b 1840, m. 12 Aug 1886 to Hamilton FORD; Perry T., b. 1841, m. 12 Feb 1868 Lucy J. NEWTON; James Chapman, b. 1843, m. 6 Feb 1868 Harriet DAVIS; Newton J., b 1845, m. 10 Mar 1870 Lydia C. JACKSON; Peter, b. 1849, m. ????? Mary A. COX (at Hackers Creek June 1880); Martha E., b. 1853, m. 23 Feb 1869 to Julius C. WHITE; John J., b. 12 Feb 1855, m. 12 Nov 1882 to Nancy Jane RIGGS (Hackers Creek 1910); Sarah K., b. 1855, d. 1856; Cecelia A., b. 16 Nov 1857, m. Wm. JEFFRIES (in Hackers Creek in 1910); Flora Ann, b. 1861; Harry G., b. 1869; David, b. 10 Nov 1872, d. 20 Nov 1872. John and Mahalia (JOHNSON) WILLIAMS are buried in the BUSH Cemetery on Stone Coal Creek, Lewis County. John and sons Perry T. and James C. rode with the 18th Cavalry, Virginia, C.S.A. If you think we might be related, and/or if you can provide info, please write or call collect (201) 232-6550. Carol Ann HENGEVELD, 304 North Euclid Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090.
12. Need info about family of Charles DEMOSS, b. 1807, and his wife, Elizabeth SPURGEON, b 1812, both in (W.) Va. Had nine children, all born (W) Va., then moved to Wisc. ca 1870. Is this the Charles DeMoss who received land grant in 1834 of 50 acres at "3 Forks Creek"? Who are their parents? Mrs. Ed F. JOHNSON, Rt. 1, Box 579A-1, Long Beach, Washington, 98631.

THE HUGHES FAMILY

The American Historical Genealogical Society ranks the Hughes family among its "forty-nine best families." Its members have been prominent and important in Great Britain and in the United States, in war and in peace.

The surname, Hughes, comes from the Welsh ap Hugh, or son of Hugh, pronounced O'Hugh. The name "hugh" means affability or comfort, or, in the Gaelic, a guest or stranger. The name is also spelled Heughs, Hewes, Hues, Huges, Hughs, and Huse.

Early records show many Hughes immigrants who were founders of families in the New World. They came, for the most part, from Wales.

The colonial ancestry of Jonathan Hughes, Revolutionary War soldier, who married Sarah Abigail Jackson, and whose daughter, Nancy, married Elias Stutler, is so controversial that we are unable to make an authoritative statement of it.

It is agreed that William Hughes was the third generation in the colonies; that he was the first Hughes to settle in what is now West Virginia; and that he was the first known and proved ancestor of our Jonathan and his famous scout cousins, Jesse and Elias Hughes, sons of Thomas.

Paul Hardman, Charleston, West Virginia, who died sometime after 1941, made an original and exhaustive research into Virginia land grants, transfers, wills, and war records for his valuable manuscript, "Ancestry of Jesse Hughes, the Border Scout." He says, "The reader will recognize the importance of these transactions with respect to the identity of Thomas Hughes, father of Jesse, who, a few years later, appeared in the Monongalia Settlements with his family. These Fairfax land grants (page 3), the will of William Hughes, Sr. (footnote, page 3), and the recorded sale of lands (page 5), furnish not only the identity of Thomas Hughes, Sr., but establishes the undisputable line of the Hugheses back another generation beyond that ever recorded before. The writer made this discovery among the land grants preserved in the office of the State Auditor. . . ."

Hardman makes the speculation that William Hughes was born about 1680 in Virginia, son of Jesse of Powhatan and Hughes Creek; and that Jesse was born about 1640 and could have been the son of Hugh and Ann Hughes named in the census roll at Martin's Hundred, Virginia, on February 4, 1624. They had arrived sometime previous to this date on the Guifte.

William L. Hughes, Jane Lew, West Virginia, a family researcher, wrote in 1926, "Quoting from local historians . . . and data of other authors, show conclusively that the Hughes family. . . are of Welsh extraction. Summing up all the notes from numerous genealogists, with which I have become familiar, it is a well-established fact that Jonathan Hughes, my great-grandfather, was descended from the Jesse Hughes family, who came across the waters with other emigrants in 1675 and obtained a land grant from King Charles II, for a tract of land on the tributary of the James River, which was named Hughes Creek, in Powhatan, Virginia. Family records have been lost or destroyed by fire during the hostilities, or, perhaps carried off by disinterested parties. The circumstances by which the pioneers were surrounded . . . grants us an apology for delinquencies in records which may have occurred."

1 Photo-copies of parts of this manuscript are in Boyd Stutler's files. The original and complete manuscript has not been found.

Another Hughes researcher refutes the hypothesis that William Hughes was the son of Jesse of Virginia. Her data begins the ancestry of this family with the incredible story of John Hughes and wife, Jane Evans, who resided in Mireonshire, Wales, where their son, Hugh, was born in 1671. In 1680, when Hugh was but nine, he left home. His parents surmising he went to America, later came to Pennsylvania and found him. They remained in this country and are buried in St. David's, Rednor, Pennsylvania. Hugh Hughes, this run-away child, married Martha, only child of Hugh and Martha Jones. They had three children:

- i John, m. Sarah Jones. Was appointed Stamp Officer of Pa. by his friend, Benjamin Franklin;
- * ii WILLIAM, who joined the early Virginia settlers and we pick him up in Augusta County, near Covington, later Bath County, and later Frederick County, where he gave outstanding service to the colony;
- iii Col. Hugh, b. 1727.²

A page (470) from The Lowther Family of Buckingham reads: "Thomas Hughes, mentioned as the father-in-law of Colonel William Lowther; and afterwards killed by the Indians, was a descendant of John Hughes, one of the earliest settlers in Bucks County. Thomas was one of the pioneers of Hardy County, Virginia, and, in 1770, he with his three sons, Jesse, Thomas, Jr., and Elias moved across the mountains into western Virginia. These three men with William Lowther, built the first fort west of the Blue Ridge Mountains . . . Jesse Hughes and his brothers were a terror to the savages and household words of comfort to the scattered settlers in that section."

Absolute proof of the ancestry of William Hughes may never be found. It is agreed that he was the third generation in America, and we begin this Hughes family history with him.

Another subject of controversy is the parentage of Jonathan Hughes, the Revolutionary War soldier. We believe that he was the son of Hugh and not Thomas, as many researchers and descendants have taken for granted.

Boyd B. Stutler, an accepted authority on West Virginia history, and from whose research files most of this history originates, wrote, in 1958, "I have never been sure that Jonathan Hughes was the son of Thomas; in fact I have always doubted it. My doubts first arose from what seemed to be a conflict in birth dates. Then, of competent researchers into the family record—such as McWhorter, Lowther, etc.—no mention was made of any Jonathan in the line of Thomas, and brother of Jesse and Elias. But we may be sure that Hugh was the son of William and brother of Thomas, Sr. The families of Hugh and Thomas would run along parallel in birth dates—and to strengthen this reasoning, Hugh mentions Jonathan in his will. . ."

It is a known fact that neither Thomas, Sr. nor his famous border scout sons, could read or write. Jonathan was a well educated man for his time. He was a school master and taught school in several states, even into his 90th year. This person does not seem to fit into the wild, fighting, Indian-hating—and much more famous—family of Thomas Hughes, Sr.

So, we make this Hughes line of descent to Elias Stutler, through William, Hugh, Jonathan, and Nancy, who married Elias Stutler January 18, 1816, and they had twelve children

² Biographical Annals of Montgomery County, Pa., Vol. I, State Library, Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 14, 1936, by Jessica Ferguson, Genealogist. Sent to Idell DePue Snodgrass, Parkersburg, W.Va.

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WILLIAM HUGHES, the first West Virginia head of the family, was born in the late 1600's in Virginia or in Pennsylvania. He died 1762 in Hampshire County, Virginia. His will, dated December 31, 1762, was probated June 9, 1767. He did not mention his wife, who, accordingly was not living in 1762. It is believed, however, that her name was Sudna or Sudrah.³

William Hughes got caught up with the expanding settlements of the middle eighteenth century in the Virginia Colony. The Royal Government replaced the large land companies and promised better titles to the land-hungry colonists. Soon the land was inhabited to the Falls of the James River, but the territory westward to the mountains belonged to the Indians. On October 7, 1763, King George III proclaimed that no grant warrants, surveys, nor patents could be made to the westward-moving, home-seeking colonists, until treaties with the Indians could be made. That did not stop them. On they went. The Indians were furious and fierce and sometimes massacred whole communities. This may have been borne had the land titles been good.

In 1748 Lord Fairfax began to sell land out of his great Northern Neck grant from the King—with titles. William Hughes with his family, and some of his children with their families, together with some of the Frys, Bakers, Carpenters, Tanners, and Radcliffs bought into this Fairfax land and hit the trail northward from the region of the Roanoke and James Rivers. We find them mentioned in what is now Bath, Augusta, and Frederick Counties of Virginia.

William Hughes located on a 400-acre tract which had been surveyed by George Washington, by a grant from Lord Fairfax, dated April 8, 1752, situated on the Great Cacapon. His sons acquired land. Thomas Hughes's tract of 419 acres was "near Lick Branch of the Great Cacapon" November 18, 1752. William Hughes, Jr. selected a tract of 460 acres adjoining that of his father, on May 4, 1754. Hugh Hughes' tract of 480 acres adjoined that of his brother, Thomas.

These tracts were all surveyed by George Washington, and were in what is now Hampshire County, West Virginia.⁴ It was the first county entirely within the state and included all the present counties of Mineral, Hardy, Grant, and parts of Morgan and Pendleton.

³ Will of William Hughes (excerpts): In the name of God amen. This thirtifirst Day of December A.D. 1762—I William Hughes of the County of Hampshire Colloney of Virginia . . . and dispose of the same in the following manner and form—Item I give unto my son Hugh Hughes one shilling sterling. I give unto my son Thomas Hughes one shilling sterling. I give unto my son William Hughes one shilling sterling. I give unto my son Evan Hughes one shilling sterling. I give unto my daughter Mary Anderson one shilling sterling. I give unto my daughter Sudrah Carpenter one shilling sterling. I give unto my daughter Sarah Baker one shilling sterling. I give and bequeath unto my son Ellis Hughes and to his heirs forever all my estate both real and personal whereas I Bequeath to pay all my just debt and funeral charges and what I Ellow the other children out of my estate. . . my son Ellis Hughes and John Waite to be my executors of this my last will and testament . . .
s / William Hughes
his mark

⁴ Paul Hardman, "Ancestry of Jesse Hughes," p. 15.

By 1753 settlers living in this trans-Allegheny region numbered about ten thousand white persons and fourteen-hundred Negro slaves.

In 1754 the French and Indian War broke out and William Hughes, mature in years and frontier warfare experience, enlisted in the Virginia Militia. Some of the official records concerning his service are:

In January 1762, the services of the officers of the Virginia Regiment were recognized in a special act of the General Assembly. William Hughes is twelfth in the list of Lieutenants. These troops were paid off at Fort Lewis on the Roanoke in February 1762.

Virginia officers at Braddock's Defeat of 1755 were listed when, at the event of Washington's retirement as Commander of the Virginia Troops, December 27, 1758, an address of appreciation and gratitude was delivered and signed by the officers of the Regiment. William Hughes is the eighth signer.⁵

William Hughes was Lieutenant and Adjutant in Colonel Adam Stephens' Virginia Regiment in the year 1762, and served until the Regiment was disbanded. Williamsburg, February 9, 1780.

Captain William Hughes enlisted and served part of his time as a Sergeant in Captain William Phillips' Company of volunteer Rangers in 1763; one of Captain Phillips' Lieutenants being killed, the said Hughes did duty as ensign. Louisa County, March 13, 1780.

William Hughes produced a commission from Francis Fauquier, Esq., formerly Governor of Virginia, dated June 8, 1762, appointing him adjutant of Colonel Adam Stephens' Regiment, and another commission from said Fauquier, dated May 22 of same year, appointing him Lieutenant in said Regiment. General Court, Williamsburg, October 22, 1779.

William Hughes entitled to 2000 acres of land under King's Proclamation of 1763, he having served as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Regiment. Dunmore—May 20, 1774.⁶

Land office warrant No. 299, January 17, 1780, for 2000 acres of land to John May, assignee of William Hughes, who served as adjutant in Colonel Washington's Regiment of Regulars in the late war between France and England. Patented to James Neal in Monongalia.⁷

There is more, but this will serve to establish the rank and service of our first Hughes ancestor in West Virginia.

WILLIAM HUGHES had eight children, named according to his will:

(Those children whose lines are continued are assigned Arabic numerals and are preceded by a plus (+) sign.)

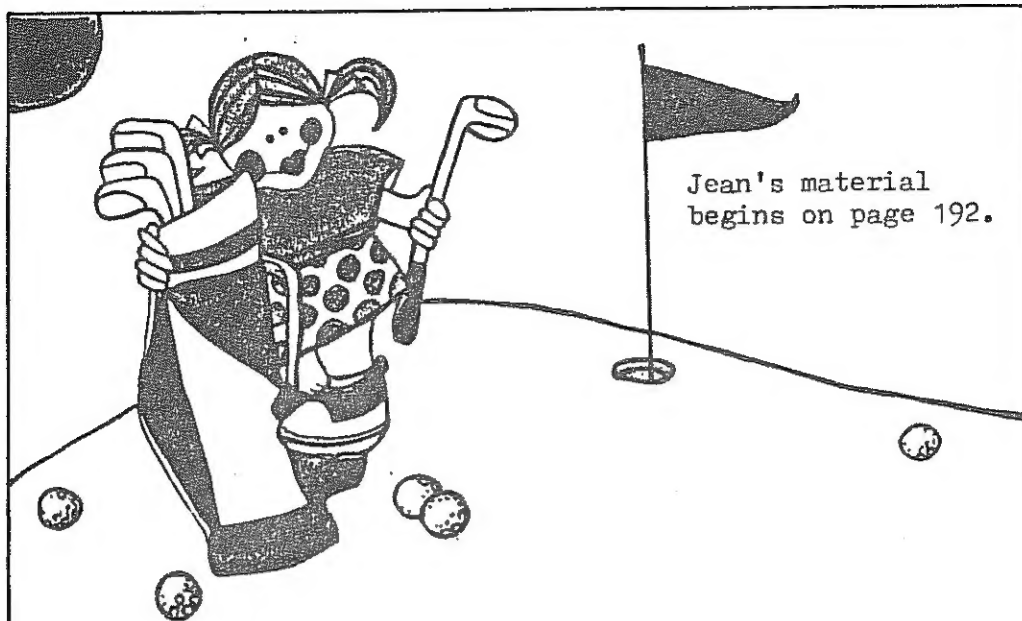
- 1 +i HUGH, d. 1763. m. Susannah —. (Continued: Generation 4th);
- 2 +ii Thomas, b. c1727; killed by Indians 1778. m. (1) Mary Baker, (2) Susannah —. (Continued: p. 26);
- iii William, Jr. m. Mary, widow of Jacob Swallow. They went with the others to the Fairfax "Northern Neck" and selected a 460-acre tract adjoining that of his father, Mar. 4, 1754. Tract transferred to Henry Fry Dec. 3, 1772; recorded, "460 acres on Grt. Cacapon Cr., Mar. 9, 1773."⁸

⁵ F.B.Kegley, Virginia Frontier, 1740-1783 (Roanoke, 1938); pp. 267-68. Quotes Henning's Statutes at Large of Virginia, 1619-1792, Vol. 7, (1809).

⁶ Wm. A. Crozier, Virginia County Records, 1651-1776 (Baltimore, 1954), pp. 19, 21, 40, and 52.

⁷ Abstracts of Augusta County, Virginia.

⁸ Hampshire County records.



June 11, 1984

Joy,

I am sorry that due to my work schedule (and the fact it is golf season), I just haven't had time to work up anything on the Hughes.

I know you are just as busy, but I am sending you a xerox copy of a few pages from Stutler-Hughes-Jackson, Pioneer Families of West Virginia, researched and compiled by my Uncle Boyd B. Stutler and Aunt Gladys Stutler Hoffmann. My Uncle Boyd is deceased but Aunt Gladys resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

I hope to attend the HCPD although it looks like it may conflict with another commitment.

Sincerely,

Norma Jean
Mrs. Dudley B. Brown

*Also sending a copy of paper
signed by Thomas Jefferson
appointing Jonathan Hughes an Ensign*

